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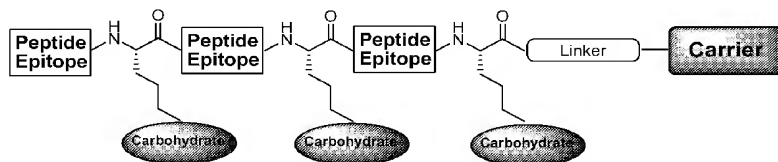
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(57) Abstract: Glycopeptide conjugates, and methods of making and using such conjugates are disclosed. Certain glycopeptide conjugates comprise tumor associated carbohydrate antigens and peptide epitopes. Certain glycopeptide conjugates comprise cyclic peptide scaffolds that display carbohydrate antigens in a clustered fashion. The immunogenicity of select glycopeptide conjugates is demonstrated.



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GLYCOPEPTIDE CONSTRUCTS AND USES THEREOF**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[0001] The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. provisional application U.S.S.N. 61/079,919, filed July 11, 2008, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

[0002] The invention was made with United States Government support under grants CA28824 and CA125934-02 awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The improvement of existing therapeutics and the development of novel therapeutics to treat and/or prolong survival of cancer patients has been the subject of continuing research in the scientific community. Although certain of these efforts have been directed to “traditional” chemotherapeutics (*e.g.*, Paclitaxel and other small molecule and/or natural product based therapies) that act by killing malignant cancer cells, it has also been a long-standing goal (Lanzavechis, *Science*, **260**, 937-944; Pardoll *et al.*, *Curr. Opin. Immunol.* **1993**, 5, 719-725; Livingston *et al.*, *Curr. Opin. Immunol.* **1992**, 4, 2; Dranoff *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **1993**, 90, 3539; M.H. Taoet *et al.*, *Nature*, **1993**, 362, 755; T. Boon, *Int. J. Cancer* **1993**, 54, 177) to develop an anti-cancer vaccine that will induce an anticancer immune response. Although cancer vaccines have thus far been perceived as a mode of treatment subsequent to the detection of the disease (for example, by providing an enhanced immunological response), it would be most desirable to develop a selective vaccine that would be able to provide enhanced protection against tumor recurrence and metastasis, for example when the tumor burden has been addressed through surgery, radiation or other chemotherapeutic treatment.

[0004] In general, tumor immunotherapy is based on the theory that tumors possess specific antigens that can be recognized when presented to or processed by a properly trained immune system. The goal for the development of an effective anticancer vaccine is to break the tolerance which the immune system has for these antigens expressed mainly or exclusively by the tumor. One approach researchers have taken has been to present glycoconjugate versions of the antigens, to induce an effective immune response. In an effort to achieve this goal, identified cancer

carbohydrate antigens such as TF, Tn, sTN, KH-1, Le^y and Globo-H have been carefully characterized as being over-expressed at the surface of malignant cells in a variety of cancers (breast, colon, prostate, ovarian, liver, small cell lung and adenocarcinomas). In addition, they have been immunocharacterized by monoclonal antibodies and therefore have relevant serological markers available for immunological studies. Such studies have suggested that patients immunized in an adjuvant setting with carbohydrate-based vaccines produce antibodies reactive with human cancer cells, and that the production of such antibodies prohibits tumor recurrence and correlates with a more favorable diagnosis (see, Livingston *et al.*, *J. Cancer Res.* **1989**, 49, 7045; Ragupathi, G. *Cancer Immunol. Immunother.* **1996**, 43, 152). Additionally, the isolation and careful structural identification of specific carbohydrate antigens overexpressed in cancer cells has provided a framework for an attack using carbohydrate-based tumor immunotherapy (For reviews see (a) Hakomori, S.; Zhang, Y. *Chem. Biol.* **1997**, 4, 97; (b) Toyokuni, T.; Singhal, A. K. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **1995**, 24, 23 and references therein).

[0005] Although several synthetic constructs have been developed in recent years, as described above, and in other references described herein, there remains a need for the further investigation to develop novel constructs capable of eliciting a more sustained or effective (and preferably selective) immune response. Clearly, in an effort to achieve this goal, it would be useful to develop new strategies for inducing an immunogenic response as well as improved and/or novel synthetic methods to access heretofore synthetically unavailable antigenic components (*e.g.*, more complex antigenic components) for further immunologic and therapeutic studies.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] The present disclosure encompasses the recognition that additional glycopeptide vaccines would be useful in the treatment of and prevention of cancer. In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides cyclic peptides that display carbohydrate antigens in a clustered fashion. In certain embodiments, the present disclosure provides constructs comprising tumor associated carbohydrate antigens and peptide epitopes. In certain embodiments, the peptide epitopes are MHC-II binding peptides. In certain embodiments, the peptide epitopes are mucin tandem repeat sequences.

Definitions

[0007] Certain compounds of the present disclosure, and definitions of specific functional groups are described in more detail below. For purposes of this disclosure, the chemical elements are identified in accordance with the Periodic Table of the Elements, CAS version, Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 75th Ed., inside cover, and specific functional groups are generally defined as described therein. Additionally, general principles of organic chemistry, as well as specific functional moieties and reactivity, are described in "Organic Chemistry", Thomas Sorrell, University Science Books, Sausalito: 1999, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[0008] As used herein, the following definitions shall apply unless otherwise indicated.

[0009] The term "aliphatic" or "aliphatic group," as used herein, means a straight-chain (*i.e.*, unbranched) or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain that is completely saturated or that contains one or more units of unsaturation, or a monocyclic hydrocarbon or bicyclic hydrocarbon that is completely saturated or that contains one or more units of unsaturation, but which is not aromatic (also referred to herein as "carbocycle," "cycloaliphatic" or "cycloalkyl"), that has a single point of attachment to the rest of the molecule. Unless otherwise specified, aliphatic groups contain 1-12 aliphatic carbon atoms. In some embodiments, aliphatic groups contain 1-6 aliphatic carbon atoms. In some embodiments, aliphatic groups contain 1-5 aliphatic carbon atoms. In other embodiments, aliphatic groups contain 1-4 aliphatic carbon atoms. In still other embodiments, aliphatic groups contain 1-3 aliphatic carbon atoms, and in yet other embodiments, aliphatic groups contain 1-2 aliphatic carbon atoms. In some embodiments, "cycloaliphatic" (or "carbocycle" or "cycloalkyl") refers to a monocyclic C₃-C₆ hydrocarbon that is completely saturated or that contains one or more units of unsaturation, but which is not aromatic, that has a single point of attachment to the rest of the molecule. Suitable aliphatic groups include, but are not limited to, linear or branched, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl groups and hybrids thereof such as (cycloalkyl)alkyl, (cycloalkenyl)alkyl or (cycloalkyl)alkenyl.

[0010] The term "lower alkyl" refers to a C₁₋₄ straight or branched alkyl group. Exemplary lower alkyl groups are methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, and tert-butyl.

[0011] The term "lower haloalkyl" refers to a C₁₋₄ straight or branched alkyl group that is substituted with one or more halogen atoms.

[0012] The term “heteroatom” means one or more of oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen, phosphorus, or silicon (including, any oxidized form of nitrogen, sulfur, phosphorus, or silicon; the quaternized form of any basic nitrogen or; a substitutable nitrogen of a heterocyclic ring, for example N (as in 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrolyl), NH (as in pyrrolidinyl) or NR⁺ (as in N-substituted pyrrolidinyl)).

[0013] The term "unsaturated," as used herein, means that a moiety has one or more units of unsaturation.

[0014] As used herein, the term “bivalent saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, hydrocarbon chain,” refers to bivalent alkylene, alkenylene, and alkynylene chains that are straight or branched as defined herein.

[0015] The term “alkylene” refers to a bivalent alkyl group. An “alkylene chain” is a polymethylene group, *i.e.*, $-(CH_2)_n-$, wherein *n* is a positive integer, preferably from 1 to 6, from 1 to 4, from 1 to 3, from 1 to 2, or from 2 to 3. A substituted alkylene chain is a polymethylene group in which one or more methylene hydrogen atoms are replaced with a substituent. Suitable substituents include those described below for a substituted aliphatic group.

[0016] The term “alkenylene” refers to a bivalent alkenyl group. A substituted alkenylene chain is a polymethylene group containing at least one double bond in which one or more hydrogen atoms are replaced with a substituent. Suitable substituents include those described below for a substituted aliphatic group.

[0017] The term “alkynylene” refers to a bivalent alkynyl group. A substituted alkynylene chain is a polymethylene group containing at least one double bond in which one or more hydrogen atoms are replaced with a substituent. Suitable substituents include those described below for a substituted aliphatic group.

[0018] The term “acyl,” used alone or a part of a larger moiety, refers to groups formed by removing a hydroxy group from a carboxylic acid.

[0019] The term “halogen” means F, Cl, Br, or I.

[0020] The terms “aralkyl” and “arylalkyl” are used interchangeably and refer to alkyl groups in which a hydrogen atom has been replaced with an aryl group. Such groups include, without limitation, benzyl, cinnamyl, and dihyrocinnamyl.

[0021] The term “aryl” used alone or as part of a larger moiety as in “aralkyl,” “aralkoxy,” or “aryloxyalkyl,” refers to monocyclic or bicyclic ring systems having a total of five to fourteen ring members, wherein at least one ring in the system is aromatic and wherein each ring in the system contains 3 to 7 ring members. The term “aryl” may be used interchangeably with the term “aryl ring.”

[0022] In certain embodiments of the present disclosure, “aryl” refers to an aromatic ring system which includes, but not limited to, phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, anthracyl and the like, which may bear one or more substituents. Also included within the scope of the term “aryl,” as it is used herein, is a group in which an aromatic ring is fused to one or more non-aromatic rings, such as indanyl, phthalimidyl, naphthimidyl, phenanthridinyl, or tetrahydronaphthyl, and the like.

[0023] The terms “heteroaryl” and “heteroar-,” used alone or as part of a larger moiety, e.g., “heteroaralkyl,” or “heteroaralkoxy,” refer to groups having 5 to 10 ring atoms, preferably 5, 6, or 9 ring atoms; having 6, 10, or 14 π electrons shared in a cyclic array; and having, in addition to carbon atoms, from one to five heteroatoms. The term “heteroatom” refers to nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, and includes any oxidized form of nitrogen or sulfur, and any quaternized form of a basic nitrogen. Heteroaryl groups include, without limitation, thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, indoliziny, purinyl, naphthyridinyl, and pteridinyl. The terms “heteroaryl” and “heteroar-,” as used herein, also include groups in which a heteroaromatic ring is fused to one or more aryl, cycloaliphatic, or heterocyclyl rings, where the radical or point of attachment is on the heteroaromatic ring. Nonlimiting examples include indolyl, isoindolyl, benzothienyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, cinnolyl, phthalazinyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalinyl, 4*H*-quinoliziny, carbazolyl, acridinyl, phenazinyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxazinyl, tetrahydroquinolyl, tetrahydroisoquinolyl, and pyrido[2,3-*b*]-1,4-oxazin-3(4*H*)-one. A heteroaryl group may be mono- or bicyclic. The term “heteroaryl” may be used interchangeably with the terms “heteroaryl ring,” “heteroaryl group,” or “heteroaromatic,” any of which terms include rings that are optionally substituted. The terms “heteroaralkyl” and “heteroarylalkyl” refer to an alkyl group substituted by a heteroaryl moiety, wherein the alkyl and heteroaryl portions independently are optionally substituted.

[0024] The term “heteroaliphatic,” as used herein, means aliphatic groups wherein one or two carbon atoms are independently replaced by one or more of oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen, or

phosphorus. Heteroaliphatic groups may be substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched, cyclic or acyclic, and include “heterocycle,” “heterocyclyl,” “heterocycloaliphatic,” or “heterocyclic” groups.

[0025] As used herein, the terms “heterocycle,” “heterocyclyl,” “heterocyclic radical,” and “heterocyclic ring” are used interchangeably and refer to a stable 5- to 7-membered monocyclic or 7-10-membered bicyclic heterocyclic moiety that is either saturated or partially unsaturated, and having, in addition to carbon atoms, one or more, preferably one to four, heteroatoms, as defined above. When used in reference to a ring atom of a heterocycle, the term “nitrogen” includes a substituted nitrogen. As an example, in a saturated or partially unsaturated ring having 0-3 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen, the nitrogen may be N (as in 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrolyl), NH (as in pyrrolidinyl), or ⁺NR (as in *N*-substituted pyrrolidinyl).

[0026] A heterocyclic ring can be attached to its pendant group at any heteroatom or carbon atom that results in a stable structure and any of the ring atoms can be optionally substituted. Examples of such saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic radicals include, without limitation, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolinyl, tetrahydroquinolinyl, tetrahydroisoquinolinyl, decahydroquinolinyl, oxazolidinyl, piperazinyl, dioxanyl, dioxolanyl, diazepinyl, oxazepinyl, thiazepinyl, morpholinyl, and quinuclidinyl. The terms “heterocycle,” “heterocyclyl,” “heterocyclyl ring,” “heterocyclic group,” “heterocyclic moiety,” and “heterocyclic radical,” are used interchangeably herein, and also include groups in which a heterocyclyl ring is fused to one or more aryl, heteroaryl, or cycloaliphatic rings, such as indolinyl, 3*H*-indolyl, chromanyl, phenanthridinyl, or tetrahydroquinolinyl, where the radical or point of attachment is on the heterocyclyl ring. A heterocyclyl group may be mono- or bicyclic. The term “heterocyclylalkyl” refers to an alkyl group substituted by a heterocyclyl, wherein the alkyl and heterocyclyl portions independently are optionally substituted.

[0027] As used herein, the term “partially unsaturated” refers to a ring moiety that includes at least one double or triple bond. The term “partially unsaturated” is intended to encompass rings having multiple sites of unsaturation, but is not intended to include aryl or heteroaryl moieties, as herein defined.

[0028] In another aspect, the present disclosure provides “pharmaceutically acceptable” compositions, which comprise a therapeutically effective amount of one or more of the compounds described herein, formulated together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers

(additives) and/or diluents. As described in detail, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present disclosure may be specially formulated for administration in solid or liquid form, including those adapted for the following: oral administration, for example, drenches (aqueous or non-aqueous solutions or suspensions), tablets, *e.g.*, those targeted for buccal, sublingual, and systemic absorption, boluses, powders, granules, pastes for application to the tongue; parenteral administration, for example, by subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous or epidural injection as, for example, a sterile solution or suspension, or sustained-release formulation; topical application, for example, as a cream, ointment, or a controlled-release patch or spray applied to the skin, lungs, or oral cavity; intravaginally or intrarectally, for example, as a pessary, cream or foam; sublingually; ocularly; transdermally; or nasally, pulmonary and to other mucosal surfaces.

[0029] The phrase “pharmaceutically acceptable” is employed herein to refer to those compounds, materials, compositions, and/or dosage forms which are, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of human beings and animals without excessive toxicity, irritation, allergic response, or other problem or complication, commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio.

[0030] The phrase “pharmaceutically acceptable carrier” as used herein means a pharmaceutically-acceptable material, composition or vehicle, such as a liquid or solid filler, diluent, excipient, or solvent encapsulating material, involved in carrying or transporting the subject compound from one organ, or portion of the body, to another organ, or portion of the body. Each carrier must be “acceptable” in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not injurious to the patient. Some examples of materials which can serve as pharmaceutically-acceptable carriers include: sugars, such as lactose, glucose and sucrose; starches, such as corn starch and potato starch; cellulose, and its derivatives, such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose and cellulose acetate; powdered tragacanth; malt; gelatin; talc; excipients, such as cocoa butter and suppository waxes; oils, such as peanut oil, cottonseed oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, olive oil, corn oil and soybean oil; glycols, such as propylene glycol; polyols, such as glycerin, sorbitol, mannitol and polyethylene glycol; esters, such as ethyl oleate and ethyl laurate; agar; buffering agents, such as magnesium hydroxide and aluminum hydroxide; alginic acid; pyrogen-free water; isotonic saline; Ringer's solution; ethyl alcohol; pH buffered solutions; polyesters, polycarbonates and/or polyanhydrides; and other non-toxic compatible substances employed in pharmaceutical formulations.

[0031] Unless otherwise stated, structures depicted herein are also meant to include all isomeric (*e.g.*, enantiomeric, diastereomeric, and geometric (or conformational)) forms of the structure; for example, the R and S configurations for each stereocenter, Z and E double bond isomers, and Z and E conformational isomers. Therefore, single stereochemical isomers as well as enantiomeric, diastereomeric, and geometric (or conformational) mixtures of the present compounds are within the scope of the disclosure. Unless otherwise stated, all tautomeric forms of the compounds of the disclosure are within the scope of the disclosure.

[0032] Provided compounds may comprise one or more saccharide moieties. Unless otherwise specified, both D- and L-configurations, and mixtures thereof, are within the scope of the disclosure. Unless otherwise specified, both α - and β -linked embodiments, and mixtures thereof, are contemplated by the present disclosure.

[0033] If, for instance, a particular enantiomer of a compound of the present disclosure is desired, it may be prepared by asymmetric synthesis, chiral chromatography, or by derivation with a chiral auxiliary, where the resulting diastereomeric mixture is separated and the auxiliary group cleaved to provide the pure desired enantiomers. Alternatively, where the molecule contains a basic functional group, such as amino, or an acidic functional group, such as carboxyl, diastereomeric salts are formed with an appropriate optically-active acid or base, followed by resolution of the diastereomers thus formed by fractional crystallization or chromatographic means well known in the art, and subsequent recovery of the pure enantiomers.

[0034] Additionally, unless otherwise stated, structures depicted herein are also meant to include compounds that differ only in the presence of one or more isotopically enriched atoms. For example, compounds having the present structures including the replacement of hydrogen by deuterium or tritium, or the replacement of a carbon by a ^{13}C - or ^{14}C -enriched carbon are within the scope of this disclosure. Such compounds are useful, for example, as analytical tools, as probes in biological assays, or as therapeutic agents in accordance with the present disclosure.

[0035] One of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that the synthetic methods, as described herein, utilize a variety of protecting groups. By the term "protecting group," as used herein, it is meant that a particular functional moiety, *e.g.*, O, S, or N, is masked or blocked, permitting, if desired, a reaction to be carried out selectively at another reactive site in a multifunctional compound. In preferred embodiments, a protecting group reacts selectively in good yield to give a protected substrate that is stable to the projected reactions; the protecting group is preferably

selectively removable by readily available, preferably non-toxic reagents that do not attack the other functional groups; the protecting group forms a separable derivative (more preferably without the generation of new stereogenic centers); and the protecting group will preferably have a minimum of additional functionality to avoid further sites of reaction. As detailed herein, oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen, and carbon protecting groups may be utilized. By way of non-limiting example, hydroxyl protecting groups include methyl, methoxymethyl (MOM), methylthiomethyl (MTM), *t*-butylthiomethyl, (phenyldimethylsilyl)methoxymethyl (SMOM), benzyloxymethyl (BOM), *p*-methoxybenzyloxymethyl (PMBM), (4-methoxyphenoxy)methyl (*p*-AOM), guaiacolmethyl (GUM), *t*-butoxymethyl, 4-pentenylloxymethyl (POM), siloxymethyl, 2-methoxyethoxymethyl (MEM), 2,2,2-trichloroethoxymethyl, bis(2-chloroethoxy)methyl, 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl (SEMOR), tetrahydropyranyl (THP), 3-bromotetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl, 1-methoxycyclohexyl, 4-methoxytetrahydropyranyl (MTHP), 4-methoxytetrahydrothiopyranyl, 4-methoxytetrahydrothiopyranyl S,S-dioxide, 1-[(2-chloro-4-methyl)phenyl]-4-methoxypiperidin-4-yl (CTMP), 1,4-dioxan-2-yl, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothiofuranyl, 2,3,3a,4,5,6,7,7a-octahydro-7,8,8-trimethyl-4,7-methanobenzofuran-2-yl, 1-ethoxyethyl, 1-(2-chloroethoxy)ethyl, 1-methyl-1-methoxyethyl, 1-methyl-1-benzyloxyethyl, 1-methyl-1-benzyloxy-2-fluoroethyl, 2,2,2-trichloroethyl, 2-trimethylsilyl ethyl, 2-(phenylselenyl)ethyl, *t*-butyl, allyl, *p*-chlorophenyl, *p*-methoxyphenyl, 2,4-dinitrophenyl, benzyl, *p*-methoxybenzyl, 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl, *o*-nitrobenzyl, *p*-nitrobenzyl, *p*-halobenzyl, 2,6-dichlorobenzyl, *p*-cyanobenzyl, *p*-phenylbenzyl, 2-picoyl, 4-picoyl, 3-methyl-2-picoyl *N*-oxido, diphenylmethyl, *p,p'*-dinitrobenzhydryl, 5-dibenzosuberyl, triphenylmethyl, α -naphthyl diphenylmethyl, *p*-methoxyphenyl diphenylmethyl, di(*p*-methoxyphenyl)phenylmethyl, tri(*p*-methoxyphenyl)methyl, 4-(4'-bromophenacyloxyphenyl)diphenylmethyl, 4,4',4''-tris(4,5-dichlorophthalimidophenyl)methyl, 4,4',4''-tris(levulinoyloxyphenyl)methyl, 4,4',4''-tris(benzoyloxyphenyl)methyl, 3-(imidazol-1-yl)bis(4',4''-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl, 1,1-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-1'-pyrenylmethyl, 9-anthryl, 9-(9-phenyl)xanthenyl, 9-(9-phenyl-10-oxo)anthryl, 1,3-benzodithiolan-2-yl, benzisothiazolyl S,S-dioxido, trimethylsilyl (TMS), triethylsilyl (TES), triisopropylsilyl (TIPS), dimethylisopropylsilyl (IPDMS), diethylisopropylsilyl (DEIPS), dimethylhexylsilyl, *t*-butyldimethylsilyl (TBDMS), *t*-butyldiphenylsilyl (TBDPS), tribenzylsilyl, tri-*p*-xylylsilyl, triphenylsilyl, diphenylmethylsilyl (DPMS), *t*-butylmethoxyphenylsilyl (TBMPS), formate, benzoylformate, acetate, chloroacetate, dichloroacetate, trichloroacetate, trifluoroacetate, methoxyacetate, triphenylmethoxyacetate, phenoxyacetate, *p*-chlorophenoxyacetate, 3-phenylpropionate, 4-oxopentanoate (levulinate), 4,4-(ethylenedithio)pentanoate (levulinoyldithioacetal), pivaloate, adamantate, crotonate, 4-

methoxycrotonate, benzoate, *p*-phenylbenzoate, 2,4,6-trimethylbenzoate (mesitoate), alkyl methyl carbonate, 9-fluorenylmethyl carbonate (Fmoc), alkyl ethyl carbonate, alkyl 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbonate (Troc), 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl carbonate (TMSEC), 2-(phenylsulfonyl) ethyl carbonate (Psec), 2-(triphenylphosphonio) ethyl carbonate (Peoc), alkyl isobutyl carbonate, alkyl vinyl carbonate alkyl allyl carbonate, alkyl *p*-nitrophenyl carbonate, alkyl benzyl carbonate, alkyl *p*-methoxybenzyl carbonate, alkyl 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl carbonate, alkyl *o*-nitrobenzyl carbonate, alkyl *p*-nitrobenzyl carbonate, alkyl *S*-benzyl thiocarbonate, 4-ethoxy-1-naphthyl carbonate, methyl dithiocarbonate, 2-iodobenzoate, 4-azidobutyrate, 4-nitro-4-methylpentanoate, *o*-(dibromomethyl)benzoate, 2-formylbenzenesulfonate, 2-(methylthiomethoxy)ethyl, 4-(methylthiomethoxy)butyrate, 2-(methylthiomethoxymethyl)benzoate, 2,6-dichloro-4-methylphenoxyacetate, 2,6-dichloro-4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenoxyacetate, 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylpropyl)phenoxyacetate, chlorodiphenylacetate, isobutyrate, monosuccinoate, (*E*)-2-methyl-2-butenate, *o*-(methoxycarbonyl)benzoate, α -naphthoate, nitrate, alkyl *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylphosphorodiamidate, alkyl *N*-phenylcarbamate, borate, dimethylphosphinothioyl, alkyl 2,4-dinitrophenylsulfenate, sulfate, methanesulfonate (mesylate), benzylsulfonate, and tosylate (Ts).

[0036] For protecting 1,2- or 1,3-diols, the protecting groups include methylene acetal, ethylidene acetal, 1-*t*-butylethylidene ketal, 1-phenylethylidene ketal, (4-methoxyphenyl)ethylidene acetal, 2,2,2-trichloroethylidene acetal, acetonide, cyclopentylidene ketal, cyclohexylidene ketal, cycloheptylidene ketal, benzylidene acetal, *p*-methoxybenzylidene acetal, 2,4-dimethoxybenzylidene ketal, 3,4-dimethoxybenzylidene acetal, 2-nitrobenzylidene acetal, methoxymethylene acetal, ethoxymethylene acetal, dimethoxymethylene ortho ester, 1-methoxyethylidene ortho ester, 1-ethoxyethylidene ortho ester, 1,2-dimethoxyethylidene ortho ester, α -methoxybenzylidene ortho ester, 1-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)ethylidene derivative, α -(*N,N'*-dimethylamino)benzylidene derivative, 2-oxacyclopentylidene ortho ester, di-*t*-butylsilylene group (DTBS), 1,3-(1,1,3,3-tetraisopropylidisiloxanylidene) derivative (TIPDS), tetra-*t*-butoxydisiloxane-1,3-diylidene derivative (TBDS), cyclic carbonates, cyclic boronates, ethyl boronate, and phenyl boronate.

[0037] Amino-protecting groups include methyl carbamate, ethyl carbamate, 9-fluorenylmethyl carbamate (Fmoc), 9-(2-sulfo)fluorenylmethyl carbamate, 9-(2,7-dibromo)fluorenylmethyl carbamate, 2,7-di-*t*-butyl-[9-(10,10-dioxo-10,10,10,10-tetrahydrothioxanthyl)]methyl carbamate (DBD-Tmoc), 4-methoxyphenacyl carbamate (Phenoc), 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate (Troc), 2-trimethylsilylethyl carbamate (Teoc), 2-phenylethyl carbamate (hZ), 1-(1-adamantyl)-1-methylethyl carbamate (Adpoc), 1,1-dimethyl-2-haloethyl

carbamate, 1,1-dimethyl-2,2-dibromoethyl carbamate (DB-*t*-BOC), 1,1-dimethyl-2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate (TCBOC), 1-methyl-1-(4-biphenyl)ethyl carbamate (Bpoc), 1-(3,5-di-*t*-butylphenyl)-1-methylethyl carbamate (*t*-Bumeoc), 2-(2'- and 4'-pyridyl)ethyl carbamate (Pyoc), 2-(*N,N*-dicyclohexylcarboxamido)ethyl carbamate, *t*-butyl carbamate (BOC), 1-adamantyl carbamate (Adoc), vinyl carbamate (Voc), allyl carbamate (Alloc), 1-isopropylallyl carbamate (Ipaoc), cinnamyl carbamate (Coc), 4-nitrocinnamyl carbamate (Noc), 8-quinolyl carbamate, *N*-hydroxypiperidinyl carbamate, alkylthio carbamate, benzyl carbamate (Cbz), *p*-methoxybenzyl carbamate (Moz), *p*-nitrobenzyl carbamate, *p*-bromobenzyl carbamate, *p*-chlorobenzyl carbamate, 2,4-dichlorobenzyl carbamate, 4-methylsulfinylbenzyl carbamate (MsZ), 9-anthrylmethyl carbamate, diphenylmethyl carbamate, 2-methylthioethyl carbamate, 2-methylsulfonyl ethyl carbamate, 2-(*p*-toluenesulfonyl)ethyl carbamate, [2-(1,3-dithianyl)]methyl carbamate (Dmoc), 4-methylthiophenyl carbamate (Mtpc), 2,4-dimethylthiophenyl carbamate (Bmpc), 2-phosphonioethyl carbamate (Peoc), 2-triphenylphosphonioisopropyl carbamate (Ppoc), 1,1-dimethyl-2-cyanoethyl carbamate, *m*-chloro-*p*-acyloxybenzyl carbamate, *p*-(dihydroxyboryl)benzyl carbamate, 5-benzisoxazolylmethyl carbamate, 2-(trifluoromethyl)-6-chromonylmethyl carbamate (Tcroc), *m*-nitrophenyl carbamate, 3,5-dimethoxybenzyl carbamate, *o*-nitrobenzyl carbamate, 3,4-dimethoxy-6-nitrobenzyl carbamate, phenyl(*o*-nitrophenyl)methyl carbamate, phenothiazinyl-(10)-carbonyl derivative, *N'*-*p*-toluenesulfonylaminocarbonyl derivative, *N'*-phenylaminothiocarbonyl derivative, *t*-amyl carbamate, *S*-benzyl thiocarbamate, *p*-cyanobenzyl carbamate, cyclobutyl carbamate, cyclohexyl carbamate, cyclopentyl carbamate, cyclopropylmethyl carbamate, *p*-decyloxybenzyl carbamate, 2,2-dimethoxycarbonylvinyl carbamate, *o*-(*N,N*-dimethylcarboxamido)benzyl carbamate, 1,1-dimethyl-3-(*N,N*-dimethylcarboxamido)propyl carbamate, 1,1-dimethylpropynyl carbamate, di(2-pyridyl)methyl carbamate, 2-furanylmethyl carbamate, 2-iodoethyl carbamate, isoborynl carbamate, isobutyl carbamate, isonicotinyl carbamate, *p*-(*p'*-methoxyphenylazo)benzyl carbamate, 1-methylcyclobutyl carbamate, 1-methylcyclohexyl carbamate, 1-methyl-1-cyclopropylmethyl carbamate, 1-methyl-1-(3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl carbamate, 1-methyl-1-(*p*-phenylazophenyl)ethyl carbamate, 1-methyl-1-phenylethyl carbamate, 1-methyl-1-(4-pyridyl)ethyl carbamate, phenyl carbamate, *p*-(phenylazo)benzyl carbamate, 2,4,6-tri-*t*-butylphenyl carbamate, 4-(trimethylammonium)benzyl carbamate, 2,4,6-trimethylbenzyl carbamate, formamide, acetamide, chloroacetamide, trichloroacetamide, trifluoroacetamide, phenylacetamide, 3-phenylpropanamide, picolinamide, 3-pyridylcarboxamide, *N*-benzoylphenylalanyl derivative, benzamide, *p*-phenylbenzamide, *o*-nitrophenylacetamide, *o*-nitrophenoxyacetamide, acetoacetamide, (*N'*-dithiobenzyloxycarbonylamino)acetamide, 3-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)propanamide, 3-(*o*-

nitrophenyl)propanamide, 2-methyl-2-(*o*-nitrophenoxy)propanamide, 2-methyl-2-(*o*-phenylazophenoxy)propanamide, 4-chlorobutanamide, 3-methyl-3-nitrobutanamide, *o*-nitrocinnamide, *N*-acetylmethionine derivative, *o*-nitrobenzamide, *o*-(benzoyloxymethyl)benzamide, 4,5-diphenyl-3-oxazolin-2-one, *N*-phthalimide, *N*-dithiasuccinimide (Dts), *N*-2,3-diphenylmaleimide, *N*-2,5-dimethylpyrrole, *N*-1,1,4,4-tetramethyldisilylazacyclopentane adduct (STABASE), 5-substituted 1,3-dimethyl-1,3,5-triazacyclohexan-2-one, 5-substituted 1,3-dibenzyl-1,3,5-triazacyclohexan-2-one, 1-substituted 3,5-dinitro-4-pyridone, *N*-methylamine, *N*-allylamine, *N*-[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methylamine (SEM), *N*-3-acetoxypropylamine, *N*-(1-isopropyl-4-nitro-2-oxo-3-pyroolin-3-yl)amine, quaternary ammonium salts, *N*-benzylamine, *N*-di(4-methoxyphenyl)methylamine, *N*-5-dibenzosuberylamine, *N*-triphenylmethylamine (Tr), *N*-[(4-methoxyphenyl)diphenylmethyl]amine (MMTr), *N*-9-phenylfluorenylamine (PhF), *N*-2,7-dichloro-9-fluorenylmethyleneamine, *N*-ferrocenylmethylamino (Fcm), *N*-2-picolylamino *N*'-oxide, *N*-1,1-dimethylthiomethyleneamine, *N*-benzylideneamine, *N*-*p*-methoxybenzylideneamine, *N*-diphenylmethyleneamine, *N*-[(2-pyridyl)mesityl]methyleneamine, *N*-(*N*',*N*'-dimethylaminomethylene)amine, *N,N*'-isopropylidenediamine, *N*-*p*-nitrobenzylideneamine, *N*-salicylideneamine, *N*-5-chlorosalicylideneamine, *N*-(5-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl)phenylmethyleneamine, *N*-cyclohexylideneamine, *N*-(5,5-dimethyl-3-oxo-1-cyclohexenyl)amine, *N*-borane derivative, *N*-diphenylborinic acid derivative, *N*-[phenyl(pentacarbonylchromium- or tungsten)carbonyl]amine, *N*-copper chelate, *N*-zinc chelate, *N*-nitroamine, *N*-nitrosoamine, amine *N*-oxide, diphenylphosphinamide (Dpp), dimethylthiophosphinamide (Mpt), diphenylthiophosphinamide (Ppt), dialkyl phosphoramidates, dibenzyl phosphoramidate, diphenyl phosphoramidate, benzenesulfenamide, *o*-nitrobenzenesulfenamide (Nps), 2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfenamide, pentachlorobenzenesulfenamide, 2-nitro-4-methoxybenzenesulfenamide, triphenylmethylsulfenamide, 3-nitropyridinesulfenamide (Npys), *p*-toluenesulfonamide (Ts), benzenesulfonamide, 2,3,6-trimethyl-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (Mtr), 2,4,6-trimethoxybenzenesulfonamide (Mtb), 2,6-dimethyl-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (Pme), 2,3,5,6-tetramethyl-4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (Mte), 4-methoxybenzenesulfonamide (Mbs), 2,4,6-trimethylbenzenesulfonamide (Mts), 2,6-dimethoxy-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (iMds), 2,2,5,7,8-pentamethylchroman-6-sulfonamide (Pmc), methanesulfonamide (Ms), β -trimethylsilylethanesulfonamide (SES), 9-anthracenesulfonamide, 4-(4',8'-dimethoxynaphthylmethyl)benzenesulfonamide (DNMBS), benzylsulfonamide, trifluoromethylsulfonamide, and phenacylsulfonamide. Exemplary protecting groups are detailed herein, however, it will be appreciated that the present disclosure is not intended to be limited to

these protecting groups; rather, a variety of additional equivalent protecting groups can be readily identified using the above criteria and utilized in the method of the present disclosure. Additionally, a variety of protecting groups are described by Greene and Wuts (*supra*).

[0038] As described herein, compounds of the disclosure may contain “optionally substituted” moieties. In general, the term “substituted,” whether preceded by the term “optionally” or not, means that one or more hydrogens of the designated moiety are replaced with a suitable substituent. Unless otherwise indicated, an “optionally substituted” group may have a suitable substituent at each substitutable position of the group, and when more than one position in any given structure may be substituted with more than one substituent selected from a specified group, the substituent may be either the same or different at every position. Combinations of substituents envisioned by this disclosure are preferably those that result in the formation of stable or chemically feasible compounds. The term “stable,” as used herein, refers to compounds that are not substantially altered when subjected to conditions to allow for their production, detection, and, in certain embodiments, their recovery, purification, and use for one or more of the purposes disclosed herein.

[0039] Suitable monovalent substituents on a substitutable carbon atom of an “optionally substituted” group are independently halogen; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}OR^\circ$; $-O(CH_2)_{0-4}R^\circ$, $-O-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)OR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}CH(OR^\circ)_2$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}SR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}Ph$, which may be substituted with R° ; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}O(CH_2)_{0-1}Ph$ which may be substituted with R° ; $-CH=CHPh$, which may be substituted with R° ; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}O(CH_2)_{0-1}pyridyl$ which may be substituted with R° ; $-NO_2$; $-CN$; $-N_3$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}N(R^\circ)_2$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}N(R^\circ)C(O)R^\circ$; $-N(R^\circ)C(S)R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}N(R^\circ)C(O)NR^\circ_2$; $-N(R^\circ)C(S)NR^\circ_2$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}N(R^\circ)C(O)OR^\circ$; $-N(R^\circ)N(R^\circ)C(O)R^\circ$; $-N(R^\circ)N(R^\circ)C(O)NR^\circ_2$; $-N(R^\circ)N(R^\circ)C(O)OR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)R^\circ$; $-C(S)R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)OR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)SR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)OSiR^\circ_3$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}OC(O)R^\circ$; $-OC(O)(CH_2)_{0-4}SR-$, $SC(S)SR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}SC(O)R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)NR^\circ_2$; $-C(S)NR^\circ_2$; $-C(S)SR^\circ$; $-SC(S)SR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}OC(O)NR^\circ_2$; $-C(O)N(OR^\circ)R^\circ$; $-C(O)C(O)R^\circ$; $-C(O)CH_2C(O)R^\circ$; $-C(NOR^\circ)R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}SSR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}S(O)_2R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}S(O)_2OR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}OS(O)_2R^\circ$; $-S(O)_2NR^\circ_2$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}S(O)R^\circ$; $-N(R^\circ)S(O)_2NR^\circ_2$; $-N(R^\circ)S(O)_2R^\circ$; $-N(OR^\circ)R^\circ$; $-C(NH)NR^\circ_2$; $-P(O)_2R^\circ$; $-P(O)R^\circ_2$; $-OP(O)R^\circ_2$; $-OP(O)(OR^\circ)_2$; SiR°_3 ; $-(C_{1-4}$ straight or branched alkylene) $O-N(R^\circ)_2$; or $-(C_{1-4}$ straight or branched alkylene) $C(O)O-N(R^\circ)_2$, wherein each R° may be substituted as defined below and is independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} aliphatic, $-CH_2Ph$, $-O(CH_2)_{0-1}Ph$, $-CH_2$ -(5-6-membered heteroaryl ring), or a 5-6-membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl

ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or, notwithstanding the definition above, two independent occurrences of R° , taken together with their intervening atom(s), form a 3–12–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl mono- or bicyclic ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, which may be substituted as defined below.

[0040] Suitable monovalent substituents on R° (or the ring formed by taking two independent occurrences of R° together with their intervening atoms), are independently halogen, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}R^\bullet$, $-(haloR^\bullet)$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}OH$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}OR^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}CH(OR^\bullet)_2$, $-O(haloR^\bullet)$, $-CN$, $-N_3$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}C(O)R^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}C(O)OH$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}C(O)OR^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}SR^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}SH$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}NH_2$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}NHR^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}NR^\bullet_2$, $-NO_2$, $-SiR^\bullet_3$, $-OSiR^\bullet_3$, $-C(O)SR^\bullet$, $-(C_{1-4}$ straight or branched alkylene) $C(O)OR^\bullet$, or $-SSR^\bullet$ wherein each R^\bullet is unsubstituted or where preceded by “halo” is substituted only with one or more halogens, and is independently selected from C_{1-4} aliphatic, $-CH_2Ph$, $-O(CH_2)_{0-1}Ph$, or a 5–6–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. Suitable divalent substituents on a saturated carbon atom of R° include $=O$ and $=S$.



[0041] Suitable divalent substituents on a saturated carbon atom of an “optionally substituted” group include the following: $=O$, $=S$, $=NNR^*_2$, $=NNHC(O)R^*$, $=NNHC(O)OR^*$, $=NNHS(O)_2R^*$, $=NR^*$, $=NOR^*$, $-O(C(R^*_2))_{2-3}O-$, or $-S(C(R^*_2))_{2-3}S-$, wherein each independent occurrence of R^* is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6} aliphatic which may be substituted as defined below, or an unsubstituted 5–6–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. Suitable divalent substituents that are bound to vicinal substitutable carbons of an “optionally substituted” group include: $O(CR^*_2)_{2-3}O-$, wherein each independent occurrence of R^* is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6} aliphatic which may be substituted as defined below, or an unsubstituted 5–6–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[0042] Suitable substituents on the aliphatic group of R^* include halogen, $-R^\bullet$, $-(haloR^\bullet)$, $-OH$, $-OR^\bullet$, $-O(haloR^\bullet)$, $-CN$, $-C(O)OH$, $-C(O)OR^\bullet$, $-NH_2$, $-NHR^\bullet$, $-NR^\bullet_2$, or $-NO_2$, wherein each R^\bullet is unsubstituted or where preceded by “halo” is substituted only with one or more halogens, and is independently C_{1-4} aliphatic, $-CH_2Ph$, $-O(CH_2)_{0-1}Ph$, or a 5–6–membered

saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[0043] Suitable substituents on a substitutable nitrogen of an “optionally substituted” group include $-R^{\dagger}$, $-NR^{\dagger}_2$, $-C(O)R^{\dagger}$, $-C(O)OR^{\dagger}$, $-C(O)C(O)R^{\dagger}$, $-C(O)CH_2C(O)R^{\dagger}$, $-S(O)_2R^{\dagger}$, $-S(O)_2NR^{\dagger}_2$, $-C(S)NR^{\dagger}_2$, $-C(NH)NR^{\dagger}_2$, or $-N(R^{\dagger})S(O)_2R^{\dagger}$; wherein each R^{\dagger} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} aliphatic which may be substituted as defined below, unsubstituted $-OPh$, or an unsubstituted 5–6-membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or, notwithstanding the definition above, two independent occurrences of R^{\dagger} , taken together with their intervening atom(s) form an unsubstituted 3–12-membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl mono- or bicyclic ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[0044] Suitable substituents on the aliphatic group of R^{\dagger} are independently halogen, $-R^{\bullet}$, $-(haloR^{\bullet})$, $-OH$, $-OR^{\bullet}$, $-O(haloR^{\bullet})$, $-CN$, $-C(O)OH$, $-C(O)OR^{\bullet}$, $-NH_2$, $-NHR^{\bullet}$, $-NR^{\bullet}_2$, or $-NO_2$, wherein each R^{\bullet} is unsubstituted or where preceded by “halo” is substituted only with one or more halogens, and is independently C_{1-4} aliphatic, $-CH_2Ph$, $-O(CH_2)_{0-1}Ph$, or a 5–6-membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[0045] When used as a chemical bond, “” shall be understood to depict a single carbon-carbon bond with undefined stereochemistry at a carbon center. Thus, a substituent attached to a carbon atom with a “” bond refers to embodiments where the substituent is coming out of the plane of the paper, embodiments where the substituent is going behind the plane of the paper, and combinations (*i.e.*, stereochemical mixtures) thereof.

[0046] The term “carbohydrate” refers to a sugar or polymer of sugars. The terms “saccharide”, “polysaccharide”, “carbohydrate”, and “oligosaccharide”, may be used interchangeably. Most carbohydrates are aldehydes or ketones with many hydroxyl groups, usually one on each carbon atom of the molecule. Carbohydrates generally have the molecular formula $C_nH_{2n}O_n$. A carbohydrate may be a monosaccharide, a disaccharide, trisaccharide, oligosaccharide, or polysaccharide. The most basic carbohydrate is a monosaccharide, such as glucose, sucrose, galactose, mannose, ribose, arabinose, xylose, and fructose. Disaccharides are two joined monosaccharides. Exemplary disaccharides include sucrose, maltose, cellobiose, and lactose. Typically, an oligosaccharide includes between three and six monosaccharide units (*e.g.*, raffinose,

stachyose), and polysaccharides include six or more monosaccharide units. Exemplary polysaccharides include starch, glycogen, and cellulose. Carbohydrates may contain modified saccharide units such as 2'-deoxyribose wherein a hydroxyl group is removed, 2'-fluororibose wherein a hydroxyl group is replaced with a fluorine, or N-acetylglucosamine, a nitrogen-containing form of glucose. (*e.g.*, 2'-fluororibose, deoxyribose, and hexose). Carbohydrates may exist in many different forms, for example, conformers, cyclic forms, acyclic forms, stereoisomers, tautomers, anomers, and isomers.

[0047] The term "natural amino acid" as used herein refers to any one of the common, naturally occurring L-amino acids found in naturally occurring proteins: glycine (Gly), alanine (Ala), valine (Val), leucine (Leu), isoleucine (Ile), lysine (Lys), arginine (Arg), histidine (His), proline (Pro), serine (Ser), threonine (Thr), phenylalanine (Phe), tyrosine (Tyr), tryptophan (Trp), aspartic acid (Asp), glutamic acid (Glu), asparagine (Asn), glutamine (Gln), cysteine (Cys) and methionine (Met).

[0048] The term "unnatural amino acid" as used herein refers to all amino acids which are not natural amino acids. Such amino acids include the D-isomer of any of the 20 naturally occurring amino acids. Unnatural amino acids also include homoserine, ornithine, norleucine, and thyroxine. Additional unnatural amino acids are well known to one of ordinary skill in the art and include unnatural aliphatic side chains. In certain embodiments, unnatural amino acids are N-alkylated, cyclized, phosphorylated, acetylated, amidated, azidylated, labelled, and the like. In some embodiments, an unnatural amino acid is a D-isomer. In some embodiments, an unnatural amino acid is a L-isomer. In certain embodiments, an unnatural amino acid is an alpha amino acid. In other embodiments, an unnatural amino acid is a beta amino acid.

[0049] More generally, the term "amino acid", as used herein, encompasses natural amino acids and unnatural amino acids.

[0050] As used herein and in the claims, the singular forms "a", "an", and "the" include the plural reference unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Thus, for example, a reference to "a compound" includes a plurality of such compounds.

[0051] The terms "compound" and "construct" are used interchangeably in the present disclosure. Thus, a construct as described herein is considered a compound, and vice versa.

[0052] The term “peptide epitope”, as used herein, refers to a polypeptide including a sequence that is recognized or capable of recognition by the immune system. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope is recognized by antibodies, B cells, T cells, or a combination thereof. In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope functions to stimulate B cells or T cells. In some embodiments, such stimulation has an additive and/or synergistic effect on the overall immune response when compared to immune response in the absence of a peptide epitope. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a mucin peptide sequence. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a mucin tandem repeat peptide sequence. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a mucin peptide sequence present on tumor cells. In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MHC-II binding peptide. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope as described herein is a polypeptide that comprises about 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 amino acids or fewer. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope as described herein is a polypeptide that comprises about 5-15 amino acids. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope as described herein is a polypeptide that comprises about 5-25 amino acids. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope as described herein is a polypeptide that comprises about 5-35 amino acids. Other exemplary lengths of peptide epitopes are described herein.

[0053] The phrases “parenteral administration” and “administered parenterally” as used herein means modes of administration other than enteral and topical administration, usually by injection, and includes, without limitation, intravenous, intramuscular, intraarterial, intrathecal, intracapsular, intraorbital, intracardiac, intradermal, intraperitoneal, transtracheal, subcutaneous, subcuticular, intraarticular, subcapsular, subarachnoid, intraspinal and intrasternal injection and infusion.

[0054] The phrases “systemic administration,” “administered systemically,” “peripheral administration” and “administered peripherally” as used herein mean the administration of a compound, drug or other material other than directly into the central nervous system, such that it enters the patient's system and, thus, is subject to metabolism and other like processes, for example, subcutaneous administration.

[0055] The term “palliative” refers to treatment that is focused on the relief of symptoms of a disease and/or side effects of a therapeutic regimen, but is not curative.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- [0056] **Figure 1** depicts a novel carbohydrate–peptide based vaccine.
- [0057] **Figure 2** depicts a new generation bidomainal fucosyl GM1-based vaccine for the treatment of SSLC.
- [0058] **Figure 3** depicts unimolecular KLH-conjugated pentavalent-MUC1 construct **4-1**.
- [0059] **Figures 4a-b** depict representative anticancer vaccine constructs.
- [0060] **Figure 5** depicts a design and synthetic strategy for a vaccine candidate targeting ovarian cancer **1-1**.
- [0061] **Figure 6** depicts an improved synthesis of Gb₃ glycosylamino acid.
- [0062] **Figure 7** depicts a synthesis of Gb₃-MUC5AC cassette **1-17**.
- [0063] **Figures 8a-c** depict a synthesis of construct **1-22**.
- [0064] **Figure 9a-b** depict a synthesis of vaccine construct **1-1** and KLH conjugate **1-24**.
- [0065] **Figure 10** depicts the structure of compound **1-19**.
- [0066] **Figures 11a-b** depict a synthesis of construct **1-21**.
- [0067] **Figure 12** depicts a synthesis of compound **3-5**.
- [0068] **Figure 13** depicts a synthesis of compound **3-9**.
- [0069] **Figure 14** depicts a synthesis of construct **3-1**.
- [0070] **Figure 15** depicts a preparation of the unimolecular pentavalent carbohydrate domain **4-5**.
- [0071] **Figure 16** depicts a preparation of compound **4-8**.
- [0072] **Figures 17a-b** depict a preparation of the unimolecular pentavalent-MUC1 glycopeptide construct **4-9**.
- [0073] **Figures 18a-b** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **4-8**.

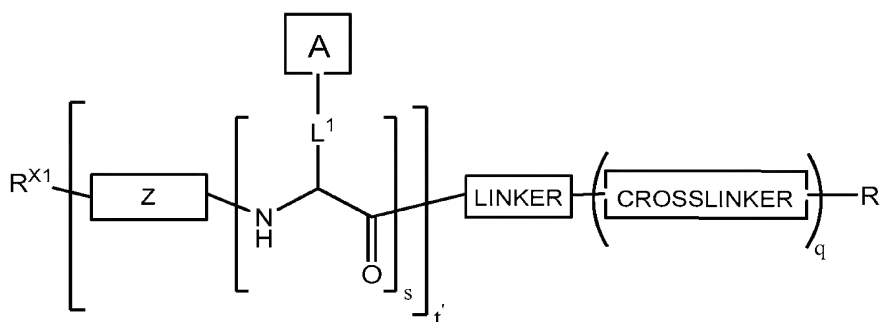
- [0074] **Figure 19** depicts a protected unimolecular pentavalent-MUC1 glycopeptide.
- [0075] **Figures 20a-b** depicts LCMS characterization data for deprotected compound **4-5**.
- [0076] **Figures 21a-b** depict LCMS characterization data for the compound depicted in Figure 19.
- [0077] **Figure 22** depicts unimolecular pentavalent-MUC1 glycopeptide **4-9**.
- [0078] **Figures 23-24** depict LCMS characterization data for the compound depicted in Figure 19 after treatment with a cleavage solution (150 μ L, TFA/H₂O/PhOH/Et₃SiH = 8.75:0.5:0.5:0.25).
- [0079] **Figure 25** depicts a cyclic peptide scaffold **5-1** and antibody response to tetravalent-KLH conjugate.
- [0080] **Figures 26-27** depict protected glycosylamino acids and clustered antigens.
- [0081] **Figure 28** depicts a synthesis of cyclic peptide scaffolds.
- [0082] **Figures 29a-c** depict a synthesis of clustered glycopeptides.
- [0083] **Figures 30a-b** depict a cyclic peptide scaffold for multi-antigen attachments.
- [0084] **Figures 31a-b** depict a synthesis of unimolecular multiantigenic glycopeptide **5-7**.
- [0085] **Figures 32a-b** depict LCMS characterization data for purified peptide **5-1**.
- [0086] **Figures 33a-b** depict LCMS characterization data for purified peptide **5-12**.
- [0087] **Figures 34a-c** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **5-13**.
- [0088] **Figures 35a-c** depict LCMS characterization data for purified glycopeptide **5-14**.
- [0089] **Figures 36a-c** depict LCMS characterization data for purified glycopeptide **5-15**.
- [0090] **Figures 37a-c** depict LCMS characterization data for purified glycopeptide **5-16**.
- [0091] **Figures 38a-b** depict LCMS characterization data for purified glycopeptide **5-4**.
- [0092] **Figures 39a-b** depict LCMS characterization data for purified glycopeptide **5-5**.

- [0093] **Figures 40a-b** depict LCMS characterization data for purified glycopeptide **5-6**.
- [0094] **Figures 41a-c** depict LCMS characterization data for purified glycopeptide **5-19**.
- [0095] **Figures 42a-c** depict LCMS characterization data for purified glycopeptide **5-7**.
- [0096] **Figure 43** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **3-4**.
- [0097] **Figure 44** depicts a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of compound **3-4**.
- [0098] **Figure 45** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **3-5**.
- [0099] **Figure 46** depicts a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of compound **3-5**.
- [0100] **Figure 47** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **3-7**.
- [0101] **Figures 48-49** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **3-7**.
- [0102] **Figure 50** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **3-8a**.
- [0103] **Figures 51-52** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **3-8a**.
- [0104] **Figures 53-54** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **3-8**.
- [0105] **Figure 55** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **3-9**.
- [0106] **Figures 56-57** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **3-9**.
- [0107] **Figure 58** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **3-10b**.
- [0108] **Figures 59-60** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **3-10b**.
- [0109] **Figures 61-62** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **3-10**.
- [0110] **Figure 63** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **3-11a**.
- [0111] **Figures 64-65** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **3-11a**.
- [0112] **Figure 66** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **3-11**.
- [0113] **Figures 67-68** depict LCMS characterization data for compound **3-11**.

- [0114] **Figure 69** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **5-1** in d_6 -DMSO.
- [0115] **Figure 70** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **5-12** in d_6 -DMSO.
- [0116] **Figure 71** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **5-13** in d_6 -DMSO.
- [0117] **Figure 72** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **5-4** in D_2O .
- [0118] **Figure 73** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **5-5** in D_2O .
- [0119] **Figure 74** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **5-6** in D_2O .
- [0120] **Figure 75** depicts a ^1H -NMR spectrum of compound **5-7** in D_2O .
- [0121] **Figure 76** depicts ELISA results obtained from vaccination sera as described in Example 2. The positive control used was a commercially available antibody (Gene Tex, Inc.) CD77 [38-13] used at a 1:40 dilution. The median titer was 240.
- [0122] **Figure 77** depicts ELISA results obtained from vaccination sera as described in Example 2. The positive control used was a commercially available antibody (Gene Tex, Inc.) CD77 [38-13] used at a 1:40 dilution. The median titer was 320.
- [0123] **Figure 78** depicts ELISA results obtained from vaccination sera as described in Example 2. The positive control was serum from female black mice vaccinated thrice with GloboH-KLH(3ug). The median titer was 1280.
- [0124] **Figure 79** depicts ELISA results obtained from vaccination sera as described in Example 2. The positive control was serum from female black mice vaccinated thrice with GloboH-KLH(5ug). The median titer was 3.2×10^6 . The median titer for the five groups with KLH maximized at a titer of 3.2×10^6 .

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN EMBODIMENTS

- [0125] In certain embodiments, the present disclosure provides a construct having the structure:



wherein,

q is 0 or 1;

each occurrence of s is independently an integer from 0-20;

t' is an integer from 1-20;

R^{X1} is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -alkyl(aryl), -alkyl(heteroaryl), a nitrogen protecting group, an amino acid or a protected amino acid;

R' is hydrogen or an immunogenic carrier;

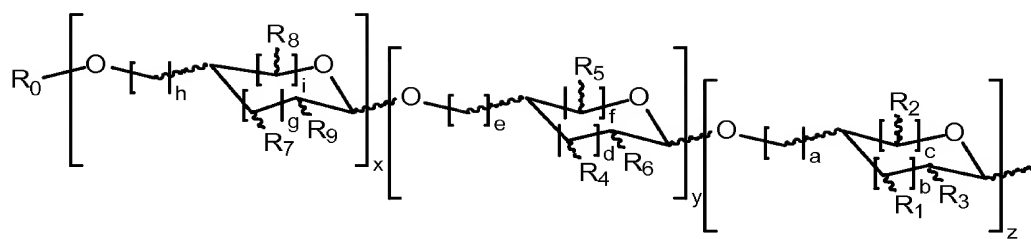
the cross linker is a moiety suitable for conjugation to an immunogenic carrier;

each occurrence of Z is independently a covalent bond or comprises a peptide epitope and optionally comprises a linker, wherein at least one occurrence of Z comprises a peptide epitope, wherein each occurrence of the peptide epitope independently comprises a sequence found in a MHC-II binding peptide or a mucin peptide sequence;

each occurrence of the linker is either a covalent bond, an ester, -O-, (carboxamido)alkyl carboxamide, MBS, primary carboxamide, mono- or dialkyl carboxamide, mono- or diarylcarboxamide, linear or branched chain (carboxy)alkyl carboxamide, linear or branched chain (alkoxycarbonyl)alkyl-carboxamide, linear or branched chain (carboxy)arylalkylcarboxamide, linear or branched chain (alkoxycarbonyl)alkylcarboxamide, an oligoester fragment comprising from 2 to about 20 hydroxy acyl residues, a peptidic fragment comprising from 2 to about 20 amino acyl residues, a linear or branched chain alkyl or aryl carboxylic ester, or a C₁₋₂₀ saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, hydrocarbon chain, wherein one or more methylene units of the linker are optionally and independently replaced by cyclopropylene, -NR-, -N(R)C(O)-, -C(O)N(R)-, -N(R)SO₂-, -SO₂N(R)-, -O-, -C(O)-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -C(=S)-, or -C(=NR)-;

each occurrence of L¹ is independently a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic or heteroaliphatic moiety;

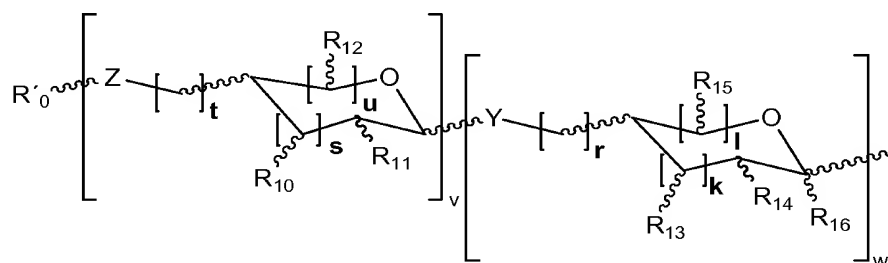
each occurrence of A is independently a carbohydrate determinant having the structure:



wherein a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, x, y and z are independently 0, 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the x, y and z bracketed structures represent furanose or pyranose moieties and the sum of b and c is 1 or 2, the sum of d and f is 1 or 2, and the sum of g and i is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that x, y and z are not simultaneously 0;

R_0 is hydrogen, or an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 and R_9 is independently hydrogen, OH, OR, NR_2 , $NHCOR$, or an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur; or a saccharide moiety having the structure:



wherein Y and Z are independently NH or O; wherein k, l, r, s, t, u, v and w are each independently 0, 1 or 2; with the proviso that the v and w bracketed structures represent furanose or pyranose moieties and the sum of l and k is 1 or 2, and the sum of s and u is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that v and w are not simultaneously 0;

R'_0 is hydrogen, or an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur,

4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄ and R₁₅ is independently hydrogen, OH, OR, NR₂, NHCOR, or an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, C₁₋₁₀ aliphatic, C₁₋₆ heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of R₁₆ is hydrogen, COOH, COOR, CONHR, a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl or aryl group;

each R is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, arylalkyl, 6-10-membered aryl, C₁₋₆ aliphatic, or C₁₋₆ heteroaliphatic having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur; or: two R on the same nitrogen atom are taken with the nitrogen to form a 4-7-membered heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur.

[0126] In some embodiments, q is 0. In some embodiments, q is 1.

[0127] In some embodiments, Z is a covalent bond. In some embodiments, Z is a peptide epitope as described herein. In certain embodiments, Z comprises a linker.

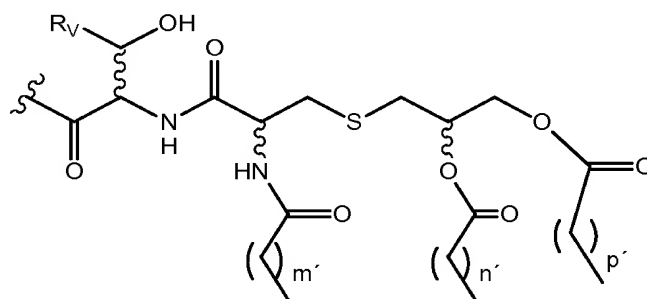
[0128] In some embodiments, s is an integer from 2-20. In some embodiments, s is an integer from 3-20. In some embodiments, s is an integer from 0-10. In some embodiments, s is an integer from 0-6. In some embodiments, s is an integer from 1-3. In some embodiments, s is 0. In some embodiments, s is 1. In some embodiments, s is 2. In some embodiments, s is 3. In some embodiments, s is 4. In some embodiments, s is 5. In some embodiments, s is 6. In some embodiments, s is 7. In some embodiments, s is 8. In some embodiments, s is 9. In some embodiments, s is 10. In some embodiments, s is 11. In some embodiments, s is 12. In some embodiments, s is 13. In some embodiments, s is 14. In some embodiments, s is 15. In some embodiments, s is 16. In some embodiments, s is 17. In some embodiments, s is 18. In some embodiments, s is 19. In some embodiments, s is 20.

[0129] In some embodiments, t' is an integer from 2-20. In some embodiments, t' is an integer from 3-20. In some embodiments, t' is an integer from 1-10. In some embodiments, t' is an

integer from 1-6. In some embodiments, t' is 1. In some embodiments, t' is 2. In some embodiments, t' is 3. In some embodiments, t' is 4. In some embodiments, t' is 5. In some embodiments, t' is 6. In some embodiments, t' is 7. In some embodiments, t' is 8. In some embodiments, t' is 9. In some embodiments, t' is 10. In some embodiments, t' is 11. In some embodiments, t' is 12. In some embodiments, t' is 13. In some embodiments, t' is 14. In some embodiments, t' is 15. In some embodiments, t' is 16. In some embodiments, t' is 17. In some embodiments, t' is 18. In some embodiments, t' is 19. In some embodiments, t' is 20.

[0130] In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is hydrogen. In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is alkyl. In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is acyl. In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is aryl. In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is heteroaryl. In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is -alkyl(aryl). In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is -alkyl(heteroaryl). In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is a nitrogen protecting group. In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is an amino acid. In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is a protected amino acid. In certain embodiments, R^{X1} is -Fmoc. In some embodiments, R^{X1} is -Ac. In some embodiments, R^{X1} is hydrogen.

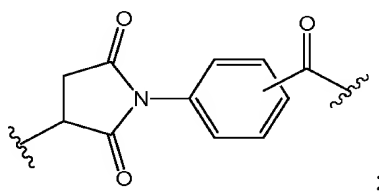
[0131] In some embodiments, R' is hydrogen. In other embodiments, R' is an immunogenic carrier. In some embodiments, the immunogenic carrier is a protein, peptide, or lipid. In certain embodiments, the carrier is Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin (KLH). In certain embodiments, the carrier is outer membrane protein complex (OMPC). In certain embodiments, the carrier is bovine serum albumin (BSA). In some embodiments, the carrier is cationized bovine serum albumin. In some embodiments, the carrier is polylysine. In certain embodiments, the carrier is a lipid having the structure:



wherein m' , n' and p' are each independently integers between about 8 and 20; and R_V is hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain lower alkyl or substituted or unsubstituted phenyl. In certain exemplary embodiments, m' , n' and p' are each 14 and the lipid is tripalmitoyl-S-glycerylcysteinyserine (*e.g.*, PamCys).

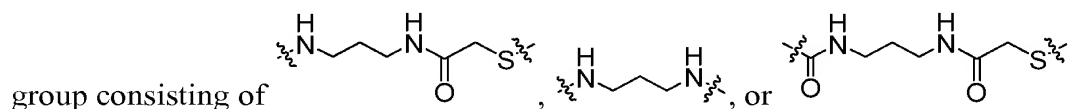
[0132] Crosslinkers suited to the invention are widely known in the art, including bromoacetic NHS ester, 6-(iodoacetamido)caproic acid NHS ester, maleimidoacetic acid NHS ester, maleimidobenzoic acid NHS ester, to name but a few. In certain embodiments, the crosslinker is MMCCH (4-(maleimidomethyl) cyclohexane-1-carboxyl hydrazide). In certain preferred embodiments, the crosslinker is MBS (m-maleimidobenzoyl acid N-Hydroxysuccinimidyl ester).

[0133] In certain embodiments, the crosslinker is a fragment having the structure:



whereby said structure is generated upon conjugation of a maleimidobenzoic acid N-hydroxy succinimide ester with a linker.

[0134] In some embodiments, the linker is a covalent bond. In some embodiments, the linker is an ester. In some embodiments, the linker is $-O-$. In some embodiments, the linker is (carboxamido)alkyl carboxamide. In some embodiments, the linker is maleimidobenzoyl N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (MBS). In some embodiments, the linker is a primary carboxamide. In some embodiments, the linker is a mono- or dialkyl carboxamide. In some embodiments, the linker is a mono- or diarylcarboxamide. In some embodiments, the linker is a linear or branched chain (carboxy)alkyl carboxamide. In some embodiments, the linker is a linear or branched chain (alkoxycarbonyl)alkyl-carboxamide. In some embodiments, the linker is a linear or branched chain (carboxy)arylalkylcarboxamide. In some embodiments, the linker is an oligoester fragment comprising from 2 to about 20 hydroxy acyl residues. In some embodiments, the linker is a linear or branched chain alkyl or aryl carboxylic ester. In some embodiments, the linker is selected from the



[0135] In certain embodiments, the linker is a C_{1-20} saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, hydrocarbon chain, wherein one or more methylene units of the linker are optionally and independently replaced by cyclopropylene, $-NR-$, $-N(R)C(O)-$, $-C(O)N(R)-$, $-N(R)SO_2-$, $-SO_2N(R)-$, $-O-$, $-C(O)-$, $-OC(O)-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-S-$, $-SO-$, $-SO_2-$, $-C(=S)-$, or $-C(=NR)-$.

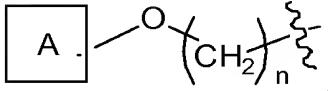
[0136] In some embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising from 2 to about 20 amino acyl residues. In some embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising from 2

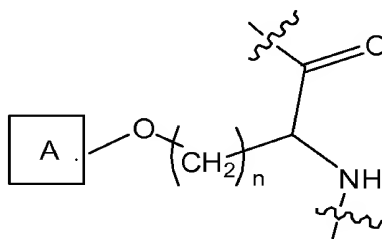
to about 10 amino acyl residues. In certain embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising 2 amino acyl residues. In certain embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising 3 amino acyl residues. In certain embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising 4 amino acyl residues. In certain embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising 5 amino acyl residues. In certain embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising 6 amino acyl residues. In certain embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising 7 amino acyl residues. In certain embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising 8 amino acyl residues. In certain embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising 9 amino acyl residues. In certain embodiments, the linker is a peptidic fragment comprising 10 amino acyl residues.

[0137] In some embodiments, L^1 is an optionally substituted aliphatic moiety. In some embodiments, L^1 is a substituted aliphatic moiety. In some embodiments, L^1 is an unsubstituted aliphatic moiety. In some embodiments, L^1 is an optionally substituted heteroaliphatic moiety. In some embodiments, L^1 is a substituted heteroaliphatic moiety. In some embodiments, L^1 is an unsubstituted heteroaliphatic moiety. In some embodiments, L^1 is a bivalent saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, hydrocarbon chain. In some embodiments, L^1 is an optionally substituted, straight or branched C_{1-20} hydrocarbon chain wherein one or more methylene units is optionally substituted with $-O-$. In some embodiments, L^1 is an optionally substituted, straight or branched C_{1-12} hydrocarbon chain wherein one or more methylene units is optionally substituted with $-O-$. In some embodiments, L^1 is an optionally substituted, straight or branched C_{1-6} hydrocarbon chain wherein one or more methylene units is optionally substituted with $-O-$. In certain embodiments, L^1 is optionally substituted hexyl. In some embodiments, L^1 is $-(CH_2)_6-$. In some embodiments, L^1 is $-(CH_2)_5-$. In some embodiments, L^1 is $-(CH_2)_4-$. In some embodiments, L^1 is $-(CH_2)_3-$. In some embodiments, L^1 is $-(CH_2)_2-$. In some embodiments, L^1 is $-(CH_2)-$. In certain embodiments, L^1 is other than $-(CH_2)-$. In certain embodiments, L^1 is other than $-CH(Me)-$.

[0138] In some embodiments, L^1 is $-O(CH_2)_n-$, wherein n is an integer from 0 to 12. In some embodiments, n is an integer from 1 to 12. In some embodiments, n is 0. In some embodiments, n is 1. In some embodiments, n is 2. In some embodiments, n is 3. In some embodiments, n is 4. In some embodiments, n is 5. In some embodiments, n is 6. In some embodiments, n is 7. In some embodiments, n is 8. In some embodiments, n is 9. In some embodiments, n is 10. In some embodiments, n is 11. In some embodiments, n is 12. In some embodiments, L^1 is other than $-O(CH_2)-$. In some embodiments, L^1 is other than $-OCH(Me)-$.

[0139] In some embodiments, each “s” bracketed structure is independently an amino acid

substituted with a moiety having the structure: . In certain embodiments, an amino acid is substituted with such a moiety at an alpha carbon. In some embodiments, an amino acid has the structure:



It will be appreciated that the point of attachment to a carbohydrate determinant A can be either α or β stereochemistry, or a mixture thereof.

[0140] In some embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a mucin sequence expressed on a tumor cell. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a mucin tandem repeat peptide sequence. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a single occurrence of a mucin tandem repeat peptide sequence. In other embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in more than one occurrence of a mucin tandem repeat peptide sequence. In some embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in an unglycosylated mucin sequence. In some embodiments, a mucin sequence is as described by Zhang, et al., *Clin. Cancer Res.* **1998**, 4, 2669-2676, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

[0141] In some embodiments, a mucin sequence is a highly clustered glycodomain on adjacent serine and threonine residues. In some embodiments, a mucin sequence is expressed on the surface of a tumor cell. In some embodiments, a mucin sequence is characterized in that it is a T cell epitope. In some embodiments, a mucin sequence is characterized in that it is a B cell epitope.

[0142] In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MUC1 sequence. In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MUC2 sequence. In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MUC3 sequence. In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MUC4 sequence. In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MUC5B sequence. In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MUC5AC sequence. In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope

comprises or is found in a MUC7 sequence. In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MUC16 sequence. It will be appreciated that where the present disclosure names mucin sequences that are glycosylated in their natural form, the disclosure contemplates both glycosylated and unglycosylated versions of such mucin sequences.

[0143] Suitable mucin polypeptides (*e.g.*, comprising peptide epitopes) are known in the art and include those disclosed by Gendler, S. J., et al. *Am. Rev. Respir. Dis.*, 144: S42-S47, 1991; Swallow, D. M.; Gendler, S. J.; Griffith, B.; Corney, G.; Taylor-Papadimitriou, J. *Nature* 1987, 328, 82-84; Gum, J. R. et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 267(30) 1992, 21375-21383; Gum, J. R. et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* 272(42) 1997, 26678-26686; Yin, B, W. T. and Lloyd, K. O. *J. Biol. Chem.* 2001, 276(29) 27371-27375; Gilewski, T. *et al.*, *Clin. Cancer Res.* **2000**, 6, 1693-1701; Yin, B. W.; Lloyd, K. O. *J. Biol. Chem.* **2001**, 276, 27371-27375; and Zhang, S.; Zhang, H. S.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Ragupathi, G.; Livingston, P. O. *Clin. Cancer Res.* **1998**, 4, 2669-2676), the entire contents of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

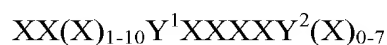
[0144] In some embodiments, a mucin polypeptide (*e.g.*, comprising a peptide epitope) comprises a sequence selected from the following list:

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TTSTTSAP	SEQ ID NO: 2
PDTRPAPGSTAPPAHGV TSA	SEQ ID NO: 3
APDTR	SEQ ID NO: 4
HGVTSAPDTRPAPGSTAPPA	SEQ ID NO: 5
PTTTPITTTTTVTPTPTPTGTQT	SEQ ID NO: 6
PTTTPISTTTTTVTPTPTPTGTQT	SEQ ID NO: 7
HSTPSFTSSITTTETTS	SEQ ID NO: 8
TSSASTGHATPLPVT D	SEQ ID NO: 9
TTAAPPTPSATTPAPPSSSAPPE	SEQ ID NO: 10

ITTTETTSHTPSFTSS	SEQ ID NO: 11
SSVPTTSTP	SEQ ID NO: 12
SSVSTTSTTSTP	SEQ ID NO: 13
GPLYSCRLTLLR	SEQ ID NO: 14
ELGPYTL	SEQ ID NO: 15
FTLNFTIXNL	SEQ ID NO: 16
PGSRKFNXT	SEQ ID NO: 17
RRKKEGEY	SEQ ID NO: 18
AQPGTTNYQRNK	SEQ ID NO: 19
SPRLDR	SEQ ID NO: 20
KAQPGTTNYQRN	SEQ ID NO: 21
RTPDTSTMHLATSRT	SEQ ID NO: 22
VTSAPDTRPAPGSTAPPAHGVTSAPDTRPA	SEQ ID NO: 23
GPAPRTDPASTVGHAPPATS	SEQ ID NO: 24

or a combination thereof.

[0145] In certain embodiments, a peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MHC-II binding peptide. In some embodiments, a MHC-II binding peptide is of the formula:



wherein the total number of amino acids is from 13 to 17, X is any amino acid residue, Y¹ is a negatively charged amino acid residue, and Y² is a hydrophobic residue. In certain embodiments, Y¹ is aspartic acid or glutamic acid. In certain embodiments, Y² is selected from the group consisting of tyrosine, leucine, proline, and phenylalanine.

[0146] In some embodiments, a MHC-II binding peptide is selected from the following list:

HNWVNHAVPLAMKLI	SEQ ID NO: 25
KSKYKLATSVLAGLL	SEQ ID NO: 26
GLAYKFVVPGAATPY	SEQ ID NO: 27
LTSQFFLPALPVFTWL	SEQ ID NO: 28
IPQEWKPAITVKVLP	SEQ ID NO: 29
VVFPASFFIKLPILA	SEQ ID NO: 30
SSVFNVVNSSIGLIM	SEQ ID NO: 31
VKNVIGPFMKAVCVE	SEQ ID NO: 32
SSIIFGAFPSLHSGCC	SEQ ID NO: 33
MRKLAILSVSSFLFV	SEQ ID NO: 34
LVNLLIFHINGKIIK	SEQ ID NO: 35
EPQGSTYAASSATSVD	SEQ ID NO: 36
AGLLGNVSTVLLGGV	SEQ ID NO: 37
FATCFLIPLTSQFFLP	SEQ ID NO: 38
NLSNVLATITTGVLDI	SEQ ID NO: 39
IKLPILAFATCFLIP	SEQ ID NO: 40
THHYFVDLIGGAMLSL	SEQ ID NO: 41
LAAIIFLFGPPTALRS	SEQ ID NO: 42
QEIDPLSYNYIPVNSN	SEQ ID NO: 43
RVYQEPQVSPQRAET	SEQ ID NO: 44

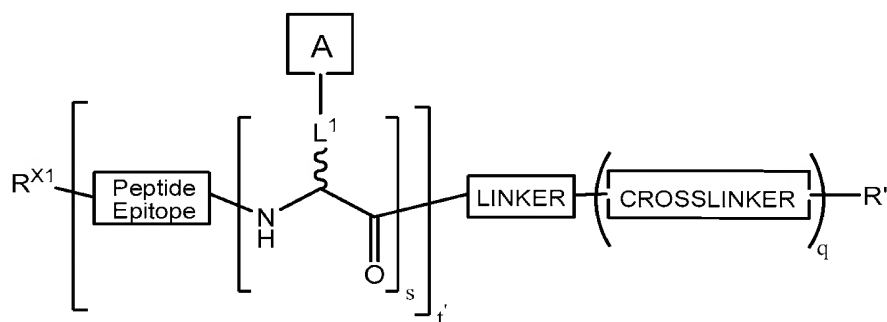
NVKYLVIVFLIFFDL	SEQ ID NO: 45
LWWSTMYLTHHYFVDL	SEQ ID NO: 46

or a combination thereof.

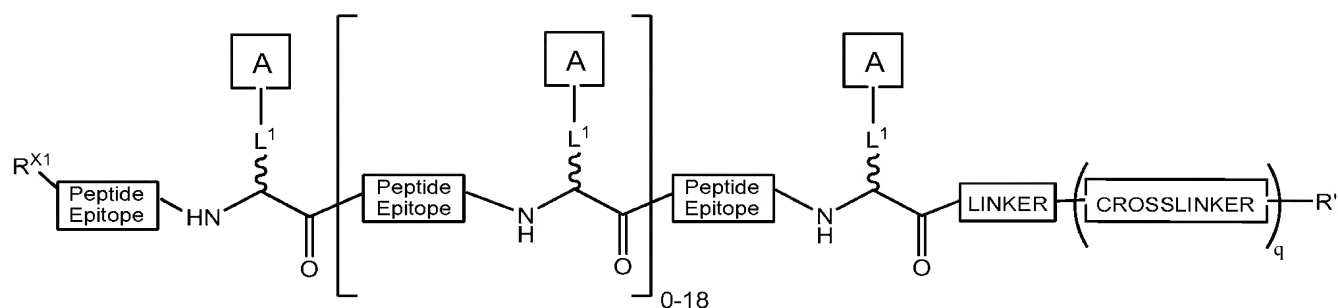
[0147] In certain embodiments, a provided construct comprises one or more “spacer units.” In some embodiments, Z comprises a spacer unit. In some embodiments, a spacer unit is a linker as defined herein. In some embodiments, a spacer unit comprises amino acids that are neither considered part of a peptide epitope sequence nor substituted with a carbohydrate determinant. Such amino acid residues may function as “spacer” residues between adjacent peptide epitopes, between a peptide epitope and an amino acid substituted with a carbohydrate determinant, between adjacent amino acids substituted with a carbohydrate determinant, or combinations thereof.

[0148] In some embodiments, one or more occurrences of A is a carbohydrate determinant expressed on a tumor cell. In certain embodiments, one or more occurrences of A is a carbohydrate determinant selected from the group consisting of Globo-H, fucosyl GM1, GM2, KH-1, glycophorin, N3, Tn, TF, STn, (2,3)ST, 2,6-ST, Gb₃, Le^y, and Le^x. In some embodiments, one or more occurrences of A is Gb₃. In some embodiments, one or more occurrences of A is fucosyl GM1. In some embodiments, one or more occurrences of A is Globo-H.

[0149] As described above, in certain embodiments, Z is a peptide epitope. In certain embodiments, provided constructs are of the structure:

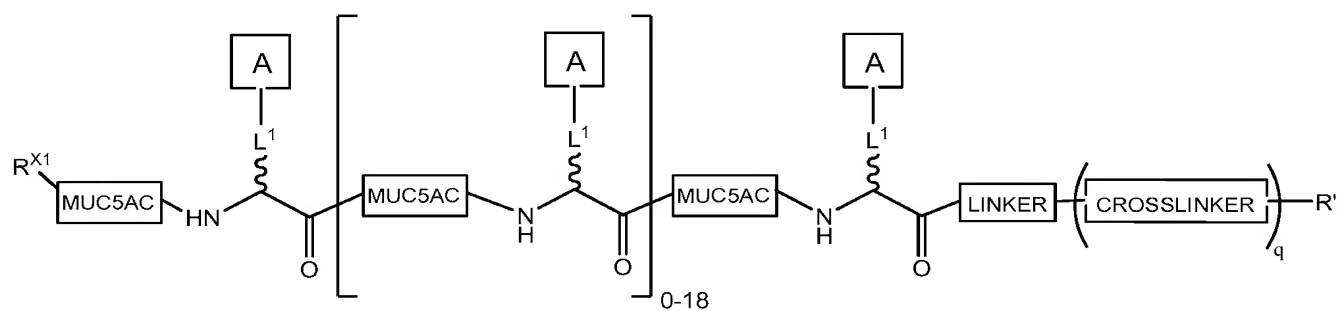


[0150] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



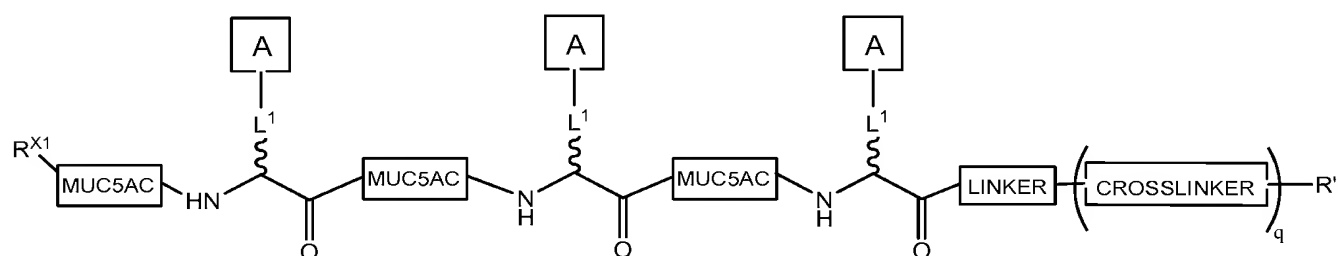
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , q, the peptide epitope, the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0151] In some embodiments, s is 1, and each occurrence of a peptide epitope is a MUC5AC tandem repeat sequence, thereby providing a construct having the structure:



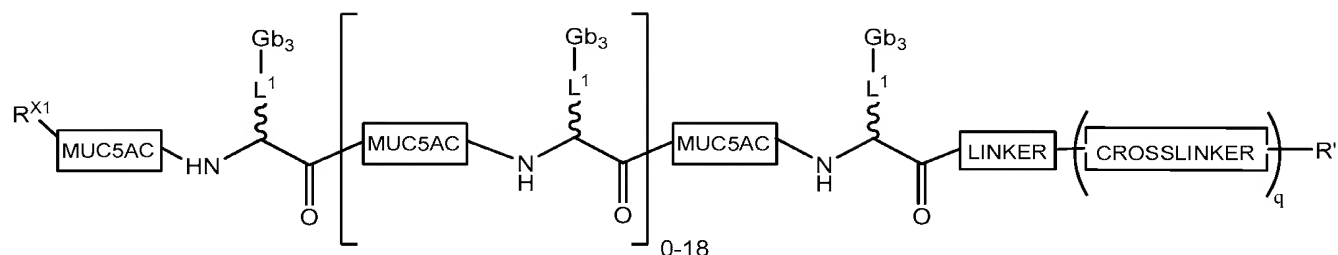
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , q, the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0152] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



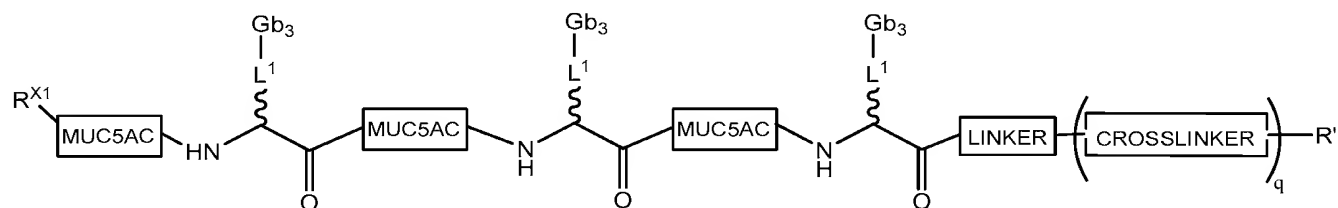
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , q, the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0153] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



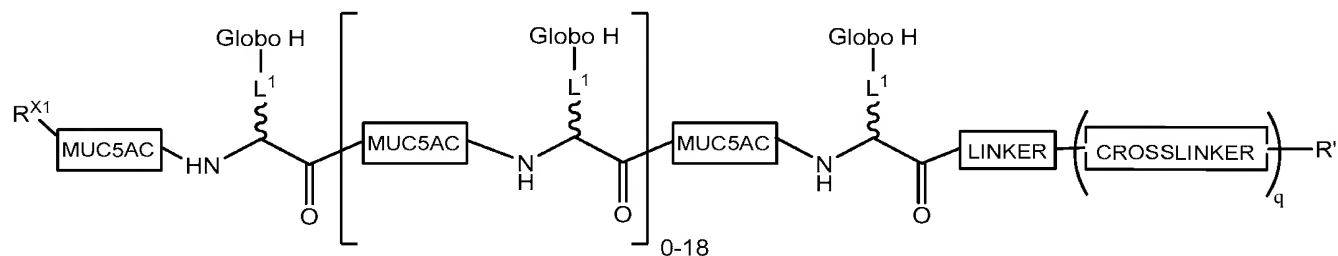
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , R' , q , the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0154] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



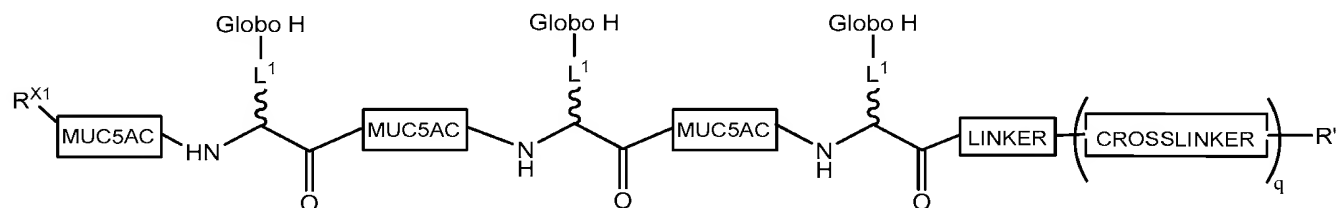
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , R' , q , the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0155] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



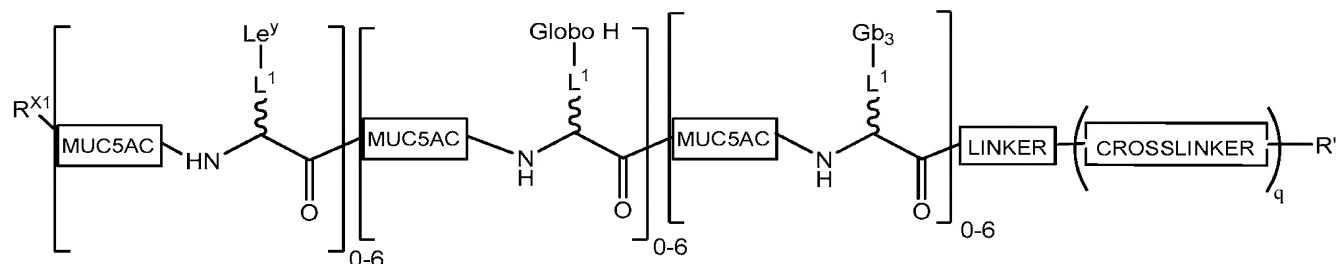
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , R' , q , the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0156] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



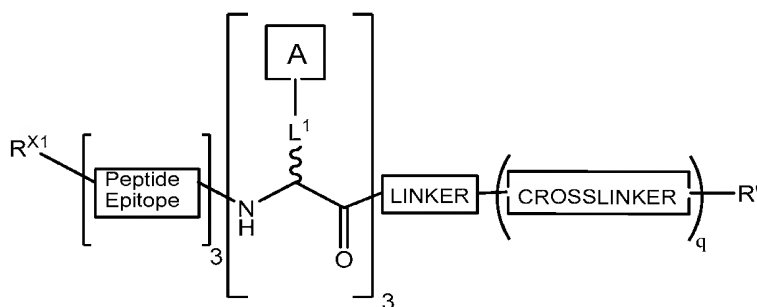
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , R' , q , the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0157] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



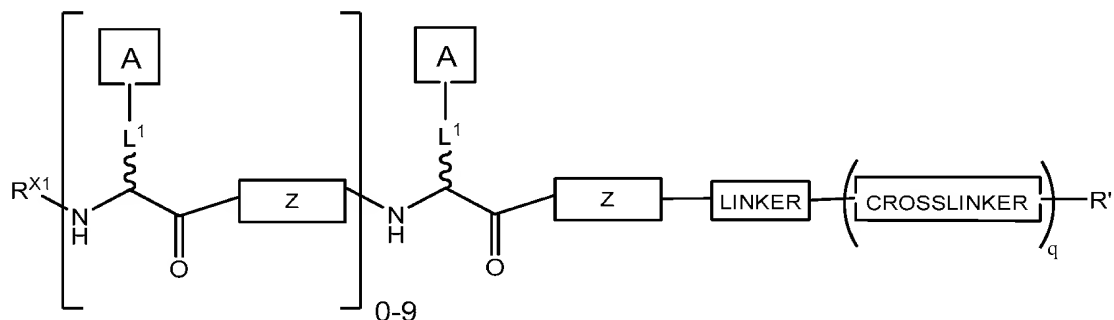
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , R' , q , the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0158] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



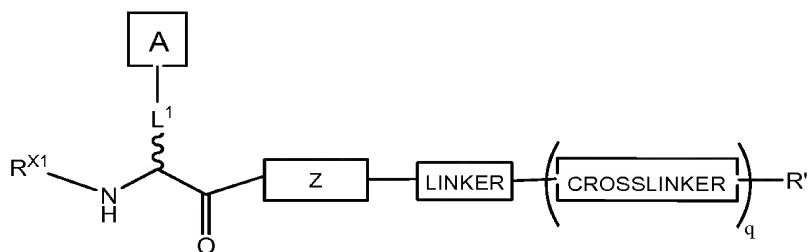
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A , R' , q , the linker, the peptide epitope, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0159] In some embodiments, one or more occurrences of S is zero and Z can be directly attached to the linker. In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



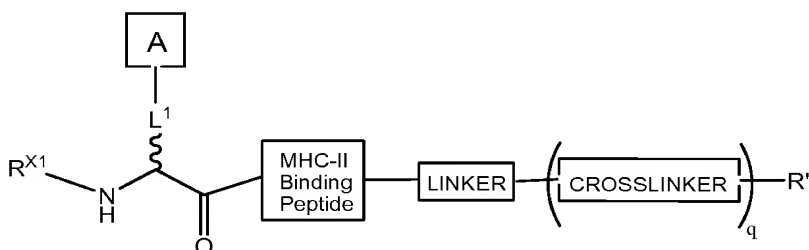
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A , R' , q , Z , the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0160] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



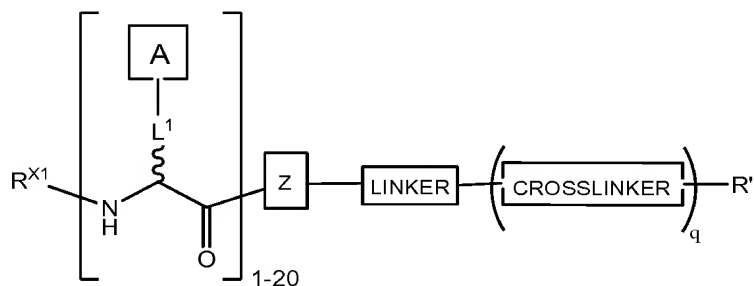
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , Z, q, the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0161] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



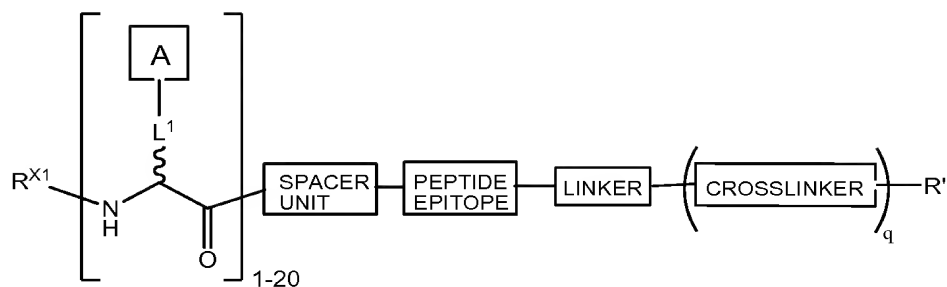
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , q, the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0162] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



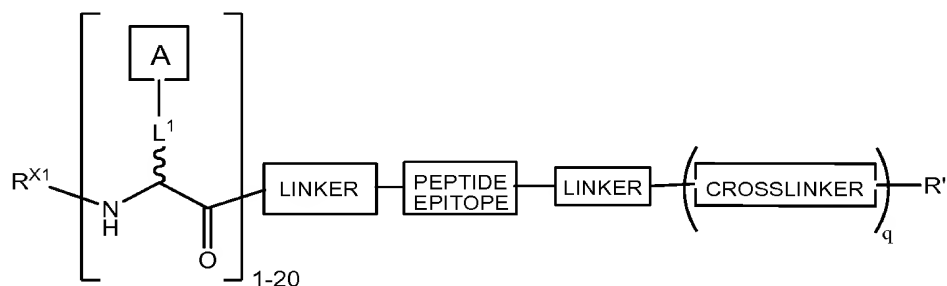
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , Z, q, the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0163] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



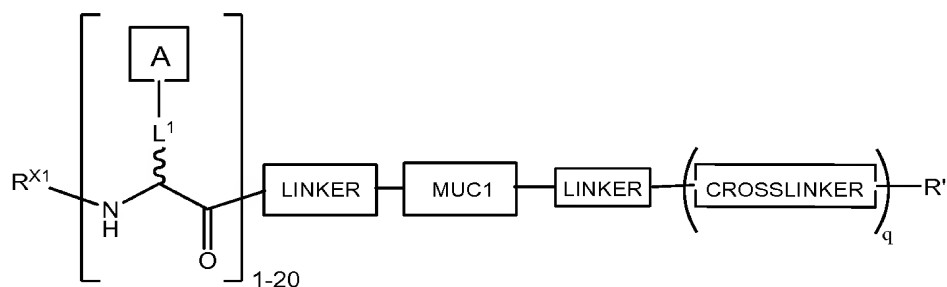
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , q, the spacer unit, the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0164] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



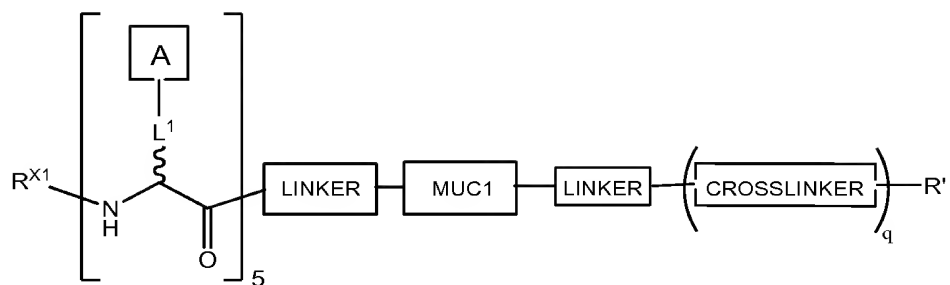
wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , q, the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0165] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:



wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , q, the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

[0166] In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:

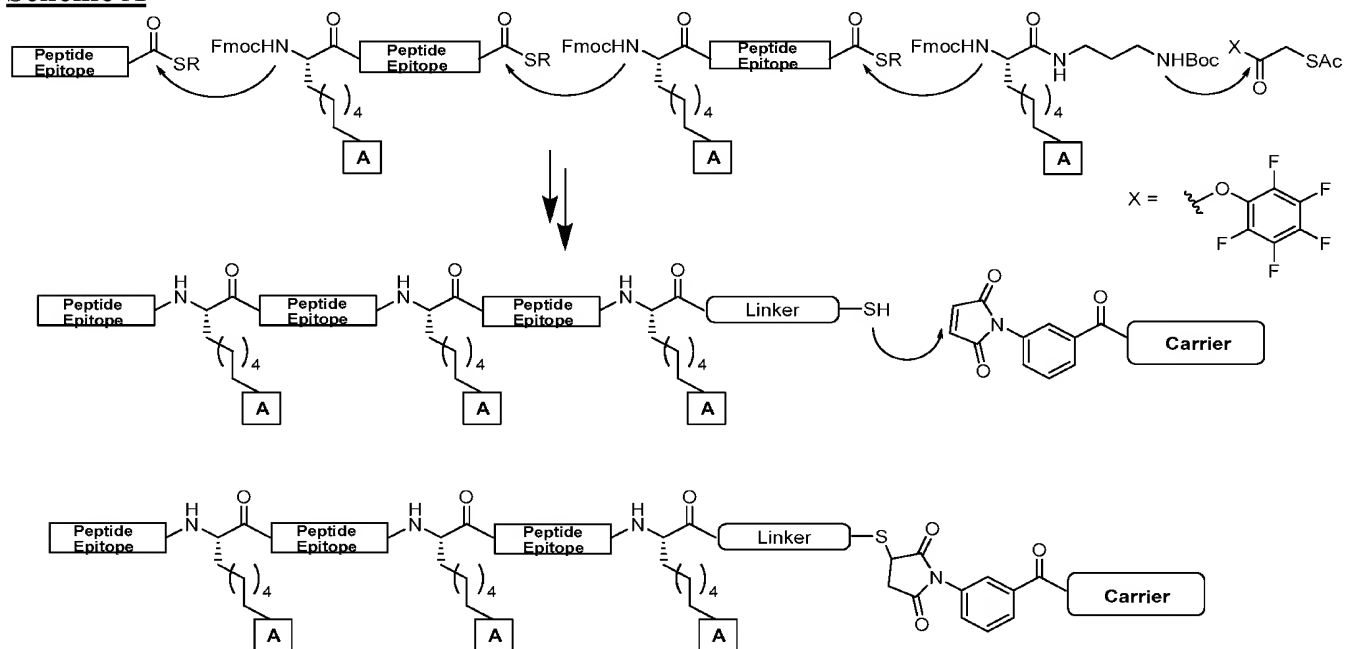


wherein each of R^{X1} , L^1 , A, R' , q , the linker, and the crosslinker is as defined above and in classes and subclasses herein.

General Synthesis of Constructs

[0167] As described above, the present disclosure contemplates a variety of different markers and carbohydrate antigens that may be used. It will be appreciated by the skilled artisan, having read the present disclosure and the ensuing Examples, that a “cassette” assembly method facilitates the assembly of constructs with relative ease. Scheme A sets forth an example of the cassette assembly of constructs of the present disclosure.

Scheme A



[0168] Assembly of various carbohydrate antigen cassettes are described herein and in US Pat. Nos. 6,660,714, 7,160,856, 7,550,146, and US Pat. Application Serial Nos. 09/641,742, 10/209,618, 10/728,041, and 11/145,002.

I. Mucin-based glycopeptide conjugates

[0169] In the quest to develop effective vaccines to combat cancer, tumor immunologists seek to identify the characteristic phenotypes which differentiate tumor cells from normal cells. In this vein, it has been noted that malignantly transformed cells often display aberrant levels and patterns of cell surface glycosylation (Le Poole, I. C.; Gerberi, M. A. T.; Kast, W. M. *Curr. Opin. Oncol.* **2002**, *14*, 641-648). It may be possible to exploit these distinguishing features by designing vaccine constructs which incorporate these tumor-associated carbohydrate domains. It is believed that such constructs, if properly presented to the immune system, may stimulate the formation of antibodies which would selectively bind and eradicate tumor cells overexpressing the carbohydrate epitopes at issue. Progress in this area of anticancer vaccines has been achieved by Boons (Ingale, S.; Wolfert, M. A.; Gaekwad, J.; Buskas, T.; Boons, G.-J. *Nat. Chem. Biol.* **2007**, *3*, 663-667; Buskas, T.; Ingale, S.; Boons, G.-J. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2005**, *44*, 5985-5988), Kunz (Kunz, H.; Dziadek, S.; Wittrock, S.; Becker, T. *ACS Symposium Series* **2008**, *989* (*Carbohydrate-Based Vaccines*), 293-310; Westerlind, U.; Hobel, A.; Gaidzik, N.; Schmitt, E.; Kunz, H. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2008**, *47*, 7551-7556; Wittrock, S.; Becker, T.; Kunz, H. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2007**, *46*, 5226-5230; Dziadek, S.; Brocke, C.; Kunz, H. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2004**, *10*, 4150-4162), Schmidt (Hermans, I. F.; Silk, J. D.; Gileadi, U.; Salio, M.; Mathew, B.; Ritter, G.; Schmidt, R.; Harris, Adrian L.; Old, L.; Cerundolo, V. *J. Immunol.* **2003**, *171*, 5140-5147; Schmidt, R. R.; Castro-Palomino, J. C.; Retz, O. *Pure Appl. Chem.* **1999**, *71*, 729-744) and their associates.

[0170] Over the past two decades, Applicants have engaged in the design and de novo synthesis of complex oligosaccharides and glycoconjugates, with an eye toward developing increasingly potent and versatile vaccines (Danishefsky, S. J.; Allen, J. R. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2000**, *39*, 836-863; Keding, S. J.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Carbohydrate-Based Drug Discovery* **2003**, *1*, 381-406; Ouerfelli, O.; Warren, J. D.; Wilson, R. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Expert Rev. Vaccines* **2005**, *4*, 677-685; Warren, J. D.; Geng, X.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Top. Curr. Chem.* **2007**, *267*, 109-141; Wilson, R. M.; Warren, J. D.; Ouerfelli, O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *ACS Symposium Series* **2008**, *989* (*Carbohydrate-Based Vaccines*), 258-292). Our emphasis has been on the development of immunostimulating strategies allowing for enhanced protection against tumor recurrence and metastasis following resection of tumor burden through surgery, radiation, or chemotherapeutic treatment.

[0171] Our initial studies focused on the preparation of constructs, in which a *single* carbohydrate antigen is attached to an immunogenic carrier molecule, such as KLH (Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin) (Ragupathi, G.; Park, T. K.; Zhang, S. L.; Kim, I. J.; Graber, L.; Adluri, S.; Lloyd, K. O.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Livingston, P. O. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.* **1997**, *36*, 125-128; Slovin, S. F.; Ragupathi, G.; Adluri, S.; Ungers, G.; Terry, K.; Kim, S.; Spassova, M.; Bornmann, W. G.; Fazzari, M.; Dantis, L.; Olkiewicz, K.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Scher, H. I. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **1999**, *96*, 5710-5715; Gilewski, T.; Ragupathi, G.; Bhuta, S.; Williams, L. J.; Musselli, C.; Zhang, X.-F.; Bencsath, K. P.; Panageas, K. S.; Chin, J.; Hudis, C. A.; Norton, L.; Houghton, A. N.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **2001**, *98*, 3270-3275; Krug, L. M.; Ragupathi, G.; Hood, C.; Kris, M. G.; Miller, V. A.; Allen, J. R.; Keding, S. J.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Gomez, J.; Tyson, L.; Pizzo, B.; Baez, V.; Livingston, P. O. *Clin. Cancer Res.* **2004**, *10*, 6094-6100; Sabbatini, P. J.; Kudryashov, V.; Ragupathi, G.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Livingston, P. O.; Bornmann, W.; Spassova, M.; Zatorski, A.; Spriggs, D.; Aghajanian, C.; Soignet, S.; Peyton, M.; O'Flaherty, C.; Curtin, J.; Lloyd, K. O. *Int. J. Cancer.* **2000**, *87*, 79-85; Keding, S. J.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.* **2004**, *101*, 11937-11942).— These monovalent vaccines – which include Globo-H, fucosyl GM₁, and Lewis^y (Le^y) – have shown varying degrees of promise in early clinical settings. The present disclosure describes the preparation and evaluation of more elaborate constructs, for example in which multiple repeats, or “clusters,” of a carbohydrate epitope are presented on a peptide backbone. The design of these constructs is inspired partly by findings from the field of glycohistology which demonstrate that mucins – a family of glycoproteins overexpressed on tumor cell surfaces – often present clusters of two to five adjacent carbohydrates domains (Carlstedt, I.; Davies, J. R. *Biochem. Soc. Trans.* **1997**, *25*, 214). While not wishing to be bound by any particular theory, it is believed that vaccines designed on the basis of such “clustered” antigens will better mimic the surfaces of targeted tumor cells. Previously, Applicants prepared a number of clustered vaccine constructs, such as Tn(c), TF(c) and STn(c), each of which performed as hoped in preclinical studies. For instance, in a Phase I clinical trial against prostate cancer, the Tn(c)-KLH conjugate has produced positive serological results (Kuduk, S. D.; Schwarz, J. B.; Chen, X.-T.; Glunz, P. W.; Sames, D.; Ragupathi, G.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 12474-12485). These earlier vaccine constructs did not take full account of the multiplicity of carbohydrate epitopes overexpressed within a particular cancer type. For example, even within the lifetime of a single tumor cell, there is a significant amount of heterogeneity of tumor cell surface carbohydrate expression (Zhang, S.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Zhang, H. S.; Reuter, V. E.; Adluri, S.; Hamilton, W. B.;

Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Int. J. Cancer* **1997**, *73*, 42–49; Zhang, S.; Zhang, H. S.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Reuter, V. E.; Singhal, A. K.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Int. J. Cancer* **1997**, *73*, 50–56). Thus, the present disclosure provides, among other things, carbohydrate-based antitumor vaccines that incorporate multiple antigenic components (Ragupathi, G.; Koide, F.; Livingston, P.O.; Cho, Y. S.; Atsushi, E.; Wan, Q.; Spassova, M. K.; Keding, S. J.; Allen, J.; Ouerfelli, O.; Wilson, R. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 2715-2725; Livingston, P. O.; Ragupathi, G.. *Human Vaccines* **2006**, *2*, 137-143).

[0172] The present disclosure encompasses the recognition that a peptide backbone, in addition to its role as a linker to a carrier protein, might also provide additional antigenic markers. One class of markers that are noteworthy is the mucin family of *O*-linked glycoproteins (Van den Steen, P.; Rudd, P. M.; Dwek, R. A.; Opdenakker, G. *Crit. Rev. Biochem. Mol. Biol.* **1998**, *33*, 151-208; Brockhausen, I. In *Glycoproteins*; Montreuil, J., Vliegenthart, J. F. G., Schachter, H., Eds.; Elsevier Science: New York, 1995; pp 201-259). Mucins, which carry highly clustered glycodomains on adjacent serine and threonine residues, are overexpressed on a variety of tumor cell surfaces. Numerous mucin types have been identified, and correlated with tumor types (Zhang, S.; Zhang, H. S.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Ragupathi, G.; Livingston, P. O. *Clin. Cancer Res.* **1998**, *4*, 2669-2676). For example, MUC1 expression is most intense in cancers of breast, lung, ovarian, and endometrial origin; MUC2 is overexpressed in cancers of colon and prostate origin; MUC5AC is associated with breast and gastric cancers; MUC4 was found to be highly expressed in 50% of cancers of colon and pancreas origin; and MUC3, MUC5B, and MUC7 are overexpressed in a variety of epithelial cancers, though not intensely so. It has been theorized that these mucins may potentially serve as CD8⁺ cytotoxic T cell and CD4⁺ helper T cell epitopes (Barratt-Boyes, S. M.; Vlad, A.; Finn, O. J. *Clin. Cancer Res.* **1999**, *5*, 1918-1924; Hiltbold, E. M.; Ciborowski, P.; Finn, O. J. *Cancer Res.* **1998**, *58*, 5066-5070; Kocer, B.; McKolanis, J.; Soran, A. *BMC gastroenterology* **2006**, *6*, 4; Bondurant, K. L.; Crew, M. D.; Santin, A. D.; O'Brien, T. J.; Cannon, M. J. *Clin. Cancer Res.* **2005**, *11*, 3446-3454; Cannon, M. J.; O'Brien, T. J.; Underwood, L. J.; Crew, M. D.; Bondurant, K. L.; Santin, A. D. *Expert Rev. Anticancer Ther.* **2002**, *2*, 97-105). MUC1 has also previously been used as a B-cell epitope for generating anti-MUC1 antibodies (Zhang, S.; Graeber, L. A.; Helling, F.; Ragupathi, G.; Adluri, S.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Cancer Res.* **1996**, *56*, 3315-3319).

[0173] Among other things, the present disclosure exemplifies novel glycopeptide constructs that, as described in USSN 61/079,919, feature *both* a carbohydrate-based antigen and a mucin derived peptide-based epitope (e.g., Figure 1). This design seeks to mimic the molecular

architecture on tumor cell surfaces, thus provoking a more robust immune response. In these clustered carbohydrate-peptide antigenic constructs, either repeats of the same carbohydrate antigen or a combination of diverse carbohydrate antigens associated with a particular carcinoma can be incorporated. It is believed that this type of vaccine structure has at least two potential advantages. First, a mucin derived peptide fragment is incorporated as both a linker and a marker, which may behave not only as a B-cell epitope for the production of antibodies against mucins, but also as a helper T-cell epitope to activate T-cells. Furthermore, the tandem repeats of both the carbohydrate-based antigen and the peptide-based epitope are expected to expose these B-cell and helper T-cell epitopes to the maximum extent on the surface of the carrier protein (KLH). It is expected that this feature will prove to be useful in stimulating a strong immune response. Finally, vaccines composed of numerous carbohydrate antigens associated with a specific cancer type may provide for heightened and more varied responses, thereby increasing the efficiency of binding to the target cells.

[0174] Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths in women and the leading cause of death from gynecological malignancies (Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy Section 18. Gynecology And Obstetrics Chapter 241. Gynecologic Neoplasms). A number of carbohydrates have been found to be overexpressed on ovarian tumor cell surfaces, including Le^y (Yin, B. W.; Finstad, C. L.; Kitamura, K.; Federici, M. G.; Welshinger, M.; Kudryashov, V.; Hoskins, W. J.; Welt, S.; Lloyd, K. O. *Int. J. Cancer* **1996**, 65, 406), STn (Zhang, S.; Zhang, H. S.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Reuter, V. E.; Singhal, A. I. K.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Int. J. Cancer* **1997**, 73, 50-56), Globo-H (Livingston, P. O. *Semin. Cancer Biol.* **1995**, 6, 357-366) and Gb₃ (globotriaosyl ceramide, cf. **1-2**, Figure 5) (Kiguchi, K.; Iwamori, Y.; Suzuki, N.; Kobayashi, Y.; Ishizuka, B.; Ishiwata, I.; Kita, T.; Kikuchi, Y.; Iwamori, M. *Cancer Science* **2006**, 97, 1321-1326; Lingwood, C. A.; Khine, A. A.; Arab, S. *Acta Biochimica Polonica* **1998**, 45, 351-359; Arab, S.; Russel, E.; Chapman, W. B.; Rosen, B.; Lingwood, C. A. *Oncology Research* **1997**, 9, 553-563). Also found on ovarian cancer cell surfaces are the mucin antigens, MUC1 (*vide supra*), MUC5AC (cf. **1-3**) (Giuntoli, R. L. II; Rodriguez, G. C.; Whitaker, R. S.; Dodge, R.; Voynow, J. A. *Cancer Res.* **1998**, 58, 5546-5550) and MUC16 (CA125 antigen) (Yin, B. W.; Lloyd, K. O. *J. Biol. Chem.* **2001**, 276, 27371-27375). Structurally, MUC1 and MUC5AC consist of tandem repeats of a 20-amino acid sequence VTSAPDTRPAPGSTAPPAHG (SEQ ID NO: 1) and an 8-amino acid sequence TTSTTSAP (SEQ ID NO: 2), which are potentially responsible for the activation of T cells. The present disclosure provides chimeric vaccine constructs, composed of alternating immunogenic carbohydrate and peptide domains. In some embodiments, such constructs incorporate alternating repeats of the Gb₃ antigen and the MUC5AC-based peptide marker (**1-1**, Figure 5).

[0175] It will be appreciated that, in accordance with the present disclosure, provided multi-antigenic constructs may comprise any mucin sequence. Furthermore, provided multi-antigenic constructs may comprise any carbohydrate epitope. One of ordinary skill, having read the present disclosure, will be capable of selecting a desired mucin sequence and carbohydrate epitope according to the desired biological and/or therapeutic use. Additional guidance and experimental details are provided by Zhu, J. *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2009**, *131*, 4151-4158 (and supporting information), the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

II. MHC-II binding peptide-based glycopeptide conjugates

[0176] Among the large number of emerging anticancer strategies, the prospect of mobilizing the immune system against the disease is especially attractive. One can imagine employing a vaccine-based therapeutic approach against a number of different primary tumors, as well as against metastatic cells, in an adjuvant mode (Khleif, S. N. (ed.) *Tumor Immunology and Cancer Vaccines*, Springer-Verlag, New York, **2005**). The present disclosure recognizes the potential benefit of targeting as immune system markers complex carbohydrate epitopes, which are overexpressed on cancer cell surfaces. We have made a particularly strong commitment to accessing these structures by total synthesis (Danishefsky, S. J.; Allen, J. R. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* **2000**, *39*, 836-863; Keding, S. J.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **2004**, *101*, 11937-11942).

[0177] In certain embodiments, a carbohydrate-based anticancer vaccine comprises a complex carbohydrate epitope, overexpressed on the cancer cell, a carrier protein, and a linker attaching the carbohydrate to the protein (Figure 2). Besides being a potent immunogen, a carrier protein is known to provide the MHC-II binding peptides bound to the epitope, thus helping to present the carbohydrate to the T-cells for T-cell activation and initiation of the cellular response (Zegers, N. D.; Boersma, W. J. A.; Claassen, E. (ed) *Immunological Recognition of Peptides in Medicine and Biology*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, **1995**, 105; Rudensky, A. Y.; Preston-Hurlbort, P.; Hong, S.-Ch.; Barlow, A.; Janeway, C. A., Jr. *Nature*, **1991**, *353*, 622-627; Bona, C. A.; Casares, S.; Brumeanu T. D. *Immunology Today* **1998**, *19*, 126-133; Musselli, C.; Livingston, P. O.; Ragupathi, G. *J. Cancer Res. Clin. Oncol.* **2001**, *127*, 20-26). The present disclosure encompasses the recognition that immunogenicity of a vaccine might well be enhanced by providing MHC-II binding peptides in the environs of the epitope, thereby serving to increase the number of epitopes presented to the CD4⁺ T cell. In a sense, this rationale is related to the idea of conjugating epitopes to carrier protein to create vaccines. However, this approach of placing an MHC-II binding sequence in a

fixed relation to the antigen has been pursued mostly for vaccines unconjugated to carrier protein (Dziadek, S.; Hobel, A.; Shmitt, E.; Kunz, H. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, *44*, 7630-7635; Buskas, T.; Ingale, S.; Boons, G.-J. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2005**, *44*, 5985-5988; Ingale, S.; Wolfert, M. A.; Gaekwad, J.; Buskas, T.; Boons, G.-J. *Nature, Chem. Biol.* **2007**, *3*, 663-667). It is believed that provided conjugates will demonstrate that the introduction of an MHC-II binding sequence improves the immunogenicity of vaccines incorporating standard carriers such as Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin (KLH).

[0178] Among other things, the present disclosure exemplifies novel glycopeptide constructs that, as described in USSN 61/079,919, feature *both* a carbohydrate-based antigen and a MHC-II binding peptide. To test the notion of upgrading the immunogenicity of a candidate carbohydrate based vaccine in this way, we pursued the synthesis of the construct illustrated in Figure 2. Fucosyl GM1 is a carbohydrate epitope that is expressed on the surface of Small-Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC) cells (Zhang, S.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Zhang, H. S.; Reuter, V. E.; Adluri, S.; Hamilton, Wm. B.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Int. J. Cancer* **1997**, *73*, 42-49). This carbohydrate has been synthesized by our group as well as by others (Allen, J. R.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 10875-10882; Mong, T. K.-K.; Lee, H.-K.; Duron, S. G.; Wong, C.-H. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **2003**, *100*, 797-802) and it was selected based on the promising results demonstrated by its KLH conjugate in our recent clinical trials (Dickler, M. N.; Ragupathi, G.; Liu, N. X.; Musselli, C.; Martino, D. J.; Miller, V. A.; Kris, M. G.; Brezicka, F.-T.; Livingston, P. O.; Grant, S. C. *Clin. Cancer Res.* **1999**, *5*, 2773-2779).

[0179] HLA-DR is a major histocompatibility complex, MHC class II, cell surface receptor. The complex of HLA-DR and its ligand, a peptide of 9 amino acids in length or longer, constitutes a ligand for the T-cell receptor (TCR). It has been established that many peptides binding to certain HLA-DR molecules bear a motif characterized by a large aromatic or hydrophobic residue in position 1 and a small, noncharged residue in position 6. While peptides binding to MHC-II molecules are usually between 10 to 20 residues long, sizes between 13 and 16 amino acids are frequently observed. It has been shown through the use of algorithms that peptides capable of degenerate binding to multiple DR alleles can be identified (Southwood, S., *et al.*, *infra*).

[0180] While not wishing to be bound by any particular theory, it is believed that, due to the high degree of polymorphism of MHC molecules expressed in the human population, it may be advantageous to develop vaccine constructs comprising MHC-II binding peptides that are capable of

binding multiple HLA-DR types. In certain embodiments, a MHC-II binding peptide is any peptide sequence that binds one or more HLA-DR molecules.

[0181] As illustrated in Example 3, a fifteen amino acid peptide sequence derived from *Plasmodium Falciparum* and illustrated in Figure 2 was chosen as an exemplary T-cell epitope. This sequence has been shown to be general for binding up to 9 different alleles of human HLA-DR with binding capacity prevalently in the nanomolar range. See Southwood, S.; Sidney, J.; Kondo, A.; del Guercio, M. S.; Appella, E.; Hoffman, S.; Kubbo, R. T.; Chesnut, R. W.; Grey, H. M.; Sette, A. *J. Immun.* **1998**, *160*, 3363-3373, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

[0182] In some embodiments, appendage of a fucosyl GM1 epitope to a peptide portion is done using a norleucine linker (Keding, S. J.; Atsushi, E.; Biswas, K.; Zatorski, A.; Coltart, D. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2003**, *44*, 3413-3416; Wan, Q.; Cho, Y. S.; Lambert, T. H.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Carb. Chem.* **2005**, *24*, 425-440; Ragupathi, G.; Koide, F.; Livingston, P. O.; Cho, Y. S.; Endo, A.; Wan, Q.; Spassova, M. K.; Keding, S. J.; Allen, J.; Ouerfelli, O.; Wilson, R. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 2715-2725). While not wishing to be bound by any particular theory, it is believed that the long aliphatic chain of this linker is useful in preventing potentially adverse interactions between the epitope and the peptide backbone. The amino acid functionality makes this linker a useful handle for conjugation.

III. Pentavalent/MUC1 glycopeptide conjugates

[0183] As discussed above, the development of carbohydrate-based anticancer vaccines elaborated through chemical synthesis has been the focus of extensive research (Fung, P. Y.; Madej, M.; Koganty, R. R. *Cancer Res.* **1996**, *56*, 5309-5318; Ouerfelli, O.; Warren, J. D.; Wilson, R. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Expert Rev. Vaccines* **2005**, *4*, 677-685). Such research efforts are based on the observation that tumor cells display abnormal levels and types of cell surface carbohydrates, anchored to the cancer cell either through a lipid tail or a protein domain (Slovin, S. F.; Keding, S. J.; Ragupathi, G. *Immunol. Cell Biol.* **2005**, *83*, 418-428). This distinguishing feature of malignantly transformed cells can be exploited to induce the immune system to selectively recognize and eradicate circulating cancer cells and micrometastases.

[0184] In this context, Applicants have developed a range of fully synthetic, carbohydrate-based anticancer vaccine conjugates (Ragupathi, G.; Park, T. K.; Zhang, S. L.; Kim, I. J.; Graber, L.;

Adluri, S.; Lloyd, K. O.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Livingston, P. O. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **1997**, *36*, 125-128; Slovin, S. F.; Ragupathi, G.; Adluri, S.; Ungers, G.; Terry, K.; Kim, S.; Spassova, M.; Bornmann, W. G.; Fazzari, M.; Dantis, L.; Olkiewicz, K.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Scher, H. I. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.* **1999**, *96*, 5710-5715; Gilewski, T.; Ragupathi, G.; Bhuta, S.; Williams, L. J.; Musselli, C.; Zhang, X. -F.; Bencsath, K. P.; Panageas, K. S.; Chin, J.; Hudis, C. A.; Norton, L.; Houghton, A. N.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.* **2001**, *98*, 3270-3275; Krug, L. M.; Ragupathi, G.; Hood, C.; Kris, M. G.; Miller, V. A.; Allen, J. R.; Keding, S. J.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Gomez, J.; Tyson, L.; Pizzo, B.; Baez, V.; Livingston, P. O. *Clin. Cancer Res.* **2004**, *10*, 6094-6100; Sabbatini, P. J.; Kudryashov, V.; Ragupathi, G.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Livingston, P. O.; Bornmann, W. G.; Spassova, M.; Zatorski, A.; Spriggs, D.; Aghajanian, C.; Soignet, S.; Peyton, M.; O'Flaherty, C.; Curtin, J.; Lloyd, K. O. *Int. J. Cancer.* **2000**, *87*, 79-85; Kuduk, S. D.; Schwarz, J. B.; Chen, X.-T.; Glunz, P. W.; Sames, D.; Ragupathi, G.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 12474-12485). These synthetic constructs are typically attached through a linker domain to an immunogenic carrier protein, such as Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin (KLH). Preclinical and clinical trials have confirmed the capacity of such constructs to induce antibodies which selectively bind to the carbohydrate-bearing tumor cells in question.

[0185] The present disclosure realizes the development of multiantigenic vaccines, in which several different cancer-associated carbohydrates are presented on a single peptide backbone and conjugated to a carrier protein. While not wishing to be bound by any particular theory, it is believed that combining multiple carbohydrate antigens associated with a single cancer type will generate a diverse range antibodies, increasing the percentage of tumor cells targeted by the immune system (Zhang, S. L.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Zhang, H. S.; Reuter, V. E.; Adluri, S.; Hamilton, W. B.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Int. J. Cancer* **1997**, *73*, 42-49; Zhang, S. L.; Zhang, H. S.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Reuter, V. E.; Singhal, A. K.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Int. J. Cancer* **1997**, *73*, 50-56). Previously, several unimolecular multiantigenic vaccines have now been synthesized and evaluated in preclinical settings (Allen, J. R.; Harris, C. R.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, *123*, 1890-1897; Ragupathi, G.; Coltart, D. M.; Williams, L. J.; Koide, F.; Kagan, E.; Allen, J.; Harris, C.; Glunz, P. W.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.* **2002**, *99*, 13699-13704; Keding, S. J.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.* **2004**, *101*, 11937-11942; Ragupathi, G.; Koide, F.; Livingston, P. O.; Cho, Y. S.; Endo, A.; Wan, Q.; Spassova, M. K.; Keding, S. J.; Allen, J.; Ouerfelli, O.; Wilson, R. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, *128*, 2715-2725). Of particular interest is a KLH-conjugated pentavalent construct, which

incorporates five breast and prostate cancer related antigens (Globo-H, GM2, sTn, TF, and Tn). This conjugate has shown very promising results in preclinical studies.

[0186] The present disclosure encompasses the recognition that most carbohydrate epitopes are able to induce only weak T-cell independent B-cell responses. In contrast, peptide domains may be much more immunogenic, as they have the capacity to bind to major histocompatibility complex (MHC) molecules, and, in favorable cases, to trigger the desired T-cell mediated reaction (Deck, B.; Elofsson, K.; Kihlberg, J.; Unanue, E. E. *J. Immunol.* **1995**, *155*, 1074-1078; Haurum, J. S.; Arsequell, G.; Lellouch, A. C.; Wong, S. Y. C.; Dwek, R. A.; McMichael, A. J.; Elliot, T. *J. Exp. Med.* **1994**, *180*, 739-744; Mouritsen, S.; Meldal, M.; Christiansen-Brams, I; Elsner, H.; Werdelin, O. *Eur. J. Immunol.* **1994**, *24*, 1066-1072; Sieling, P. A.; Chatterjee, D.; Porcelli, S. A.; Prigozy, T. L.; Mazzaccaro, R. J.; Soriano, T.; Bloom, B. R.; Brenner, M. B.; Kronenberg, M.; Brennan, P. J. *Science* **1995**, *269*, 227-230). In certain embodiments, such peptide domains are mucin tandem repeat sequences as described above.

[0187] In some embodiments, a peptide domain is the human-tumor associated epithelial mucin, MUC1 (Gendler, S. J.; Lancaster, C. A.; Taylor-Papadimitriou, T.; Duhig, N.; Peat, N.; Burchell, J.; Pemberton, E.-N.; Lalani, N.; Wilson, D. *J. Biol. Chem.* **1990**, *265*, 15286-15293). Over-expressed on the tumor cell surface as a high molecular weight glycoprotein, MUC1 contains numerous repeating units of a 20-amino acid sequence HGVTSAPDTRPAPGSTAPPA (SEQ ID NO: 5) in the extracellular portion of the molecule. Monoclonal antibody studies focused on tumor MUC1-induced antibodies reveal the PDTRP (Burchell, J.; Taylor-Papadimitriou, J.; Boshell, M.; Gendler, S.; Duhig, T. *Int. J. Cancer* **1989**, *44*, 691-696; Price, M. R.; Hudecz, F.; O'Sullivan, C.; Baldwin, R. W.; Edwards, P. M.; Tendler, S. J. B. *J. Mol. Immunol.* **1990**, *62*, 795-802) amino acid segment within the repeating units to be the most antigenic epitope. Expression of MUC1 on normal tissues is largely restricted to the apical surface of secretory cells, a site with minimal access to the immune system (Arklie, J.; Taylor-Papadimitriou, J.; Bodmer, W.; Egan, M.; Millis, R. *Int. J. Cancer* **1981**, *28*, 23-29; Hollingsworth, M. A.; Strawhecker, J. M.; Caffrey, T. C.; Mack, D. R. *Int. J. Cancer* **1994**, *57*, 198-203). The over-expression of MUC1 is correlated with the progression of breast (Tampellini, M.; Berruti, A.; Gerbino, A.; Buniva, T.; Torta, M.; Gorzegno, G.; Faggiuolo, R.; Cannoner, R.; Farris, A.; Destefanis, M.; Moro, G.; Deltetto, F.; Dogliotti, L. *Br. J. Cancer* **1997**, *75*, 698-702), ovarian (Bon, G. G.; Verheijen, R. H. M.; Zuetenhorst, J. M.; Van Kamp, G. J.; Verstraeten, A. A.; Kenemans, P. *Gynecol. Obstet. Inv.* **1996**, *42*, 58-62), and colon (Nakamori, S.; Ota, D. M.; Cleary, K. R.; Shirotani, K.; Irimura, T. *Gastroenterology* **1994**, *106*, 353-361)

carcinoma, and MUC1 has long been used as a marker for monitoring recurrence of breast cancer (Hilkens, J.; Buijs, F.; Hilgers, J.; Hageman, P.; Calafat, J.; Sonnenberg, A.; Der VanVlak, M. *Int. J. Cancer* **1984**, *34*, 197-206; Bon, G. G.; Von Mensdorff-Pouilly, S.; Kenemans, P.; Van Kamp, G. J.; Verstraeten, R. A.; Hilgers, J.; Meijer, S.; Vermorken, J. B. *Clin. Chem.* **1997**, *43*, 585-593). Animal studies and clinical trials show that the MUC1 antigen is capable of inducing a T-helper type I response (Butts, C.; Murray, N.; Maksymiuk, A.; Goss, G.; Marshall, E.; Soulières, D.; Cormier, Y.; Ellis, P.; Price, A.; Sawhney, R.; Davis, M.; Mansi, J.; Smith, C.; Vergidis, D.; Ellis, P.; MacNeil, M.; Palmer, M. *J. Clin. Oncol.* **2005**, *23*, 6674-6681). It is therefore thought that MUC1 could presumably serve as a synergic component in the development of carbohydrate vaccines, in that the robust formation of antibodies depends on the cooperative interactions between T- and B-cells.

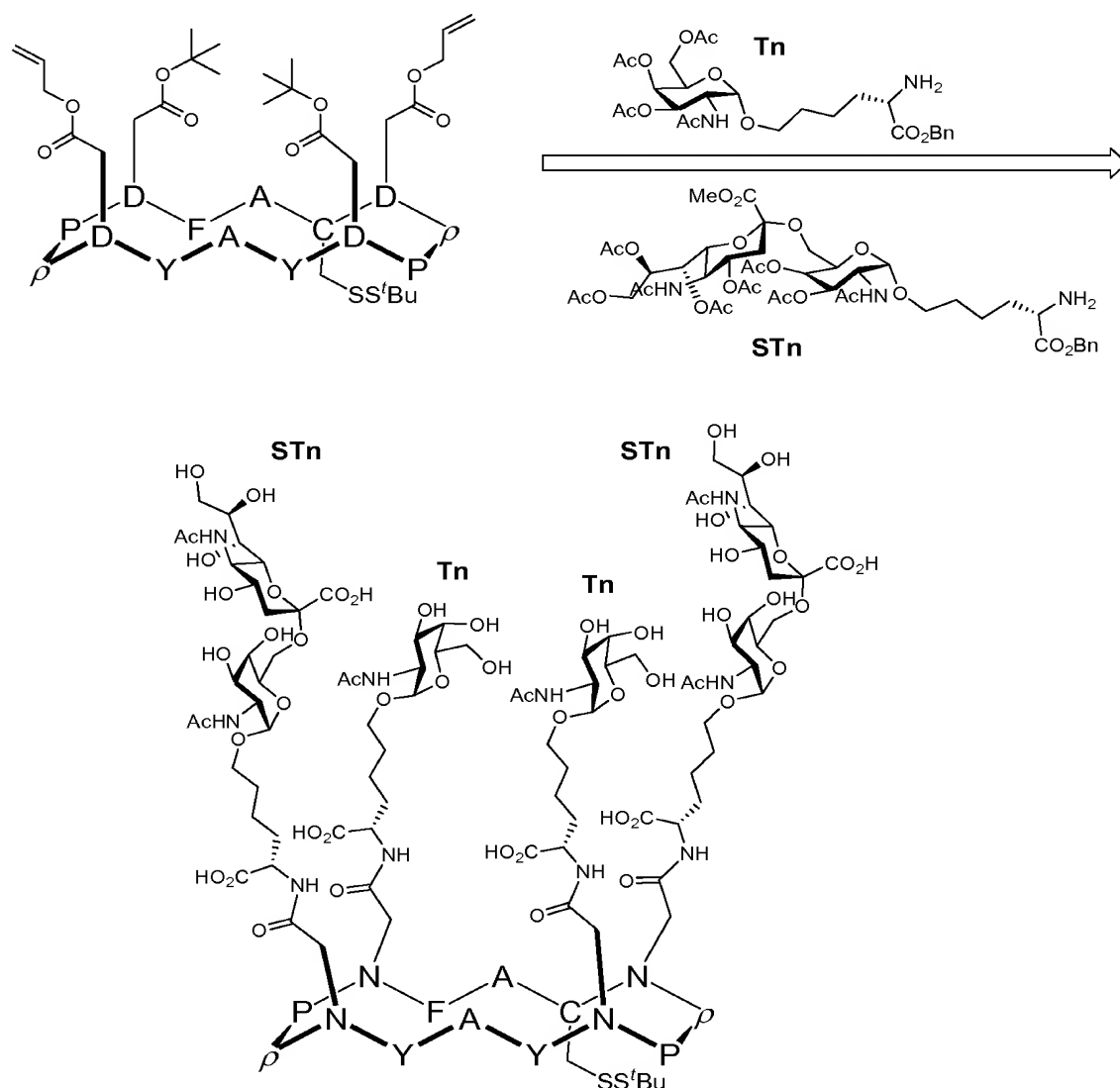
[0188] Among other things, the present disclosure describes novel glycopeptide constructs that, as described in USSN 61/079,919, feature *both* a multivalent carbohydrate-based antigen moiety and a mucin derived peptide-based epitope. In some embodiments, a provided a construct is a hybrid vaccine (4-1) incorporating the previously synthesized unimolecular pentavalent carbohydrate domain as well as the MUC1 peptide (see Figure 3). The strategy for the synthesis of the KLH-conjugated unimolecular pentavalent-MUC1 construct (4-1) is highly convergent. In some embodiments, the synthetic methods employed are compatible with both the carbohydrate and peptide domains. In some embodiments, the synthetic components comprise: (1) the fully protected unimolecular pentavalent glycopeptide, equipped with a C-terminal diaminopropyl spacer; (2) the fully protected unglycosylated MUC1 tandem sequence, possessing a β -alanine spacer and a terminal thiol functionality as a handle for late-stage conjugation; and (3) the KLH carrier protein. The protected glycopeptide and MUC1 peptide domains are assembled through direct amide coupling or chemical ligation. Subsequent global deprotection and, finally, conjugation to the carrier protein yields construct (4-1). Additional guidance and experimental details are provided by Lee, D., Danishefsky, S.J., *Tet. Lett.*, **2009**, *50*, 2167-2170 (and supplementary data), the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

IV. *Cyclic peptide scaffold-based glycopeptides*

[0189] Our laboratory is engaged in efforts toward the development of novel, fully synthetic carbohydrate-based vaccines for the treatment of cancer. This research program is based, among other things, on the finding that malignantly transformed cells often exhibit significant alteration in the nature and quantity of carbohydrates presented on their cell surfaces, either as glycosphingolipids or as glycoproteins (Danishefsky, S. J.; Allen, J. R. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **2000**, *39*, 836-863; Livingston, P. O.; Zhang, S. *Cancer Immunol. Immunother.* **1997**, *45*, 1-9; Livingston, P. O.; Ragupathi, G. *Cancer Immunol. Immunother.* **1997**, *45*, 10-19.; Toyokuni, T.; Singhal, A. K. *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **1995**, 231-242; Hakomori, S. I. *Advances in Exp. Med. Biol.* **2001**, *491*, 369-402). Presumably, when introduced properly to the immune system, a tumor-associated carbohydrate-based antigen may set into motion an exploitable immune response, leading to the generation of antibodies that selectively bind to and eliminate those tumor cells which over-express the carbohydrates in question. The viability of this carbohydrate vaccine concept has been confirmed experimentally in our laboratory. Thus, when these tumor-associated antigens are presented to the immune system as glycoconjugates appended to immunogenic carrier molecules (such as KLH carrier protein) (Helling, F.; Shang, A.; Calves, M.; Zhang, S. L.; Ren, S. L.; Yu, R. K.; Oettgen, H. F.; Livingston, P. O.; *Cancer Res.* **1994**, *54*, 197-203; Helling, F.; Zhang, S.; Shang, A.; Adluri, S.; Calves, M.; Koganty, R.; Longenecker, B. M.; Yao, T. J.; Oettgen, H. F.; Livingston, P. O. *Cancer Res.* **1995**, *55*, 2783-2788) and co-administered with an immunological adjuvant (such as QS21) (Kensil, C. R.; Patel, U.; Lennick, M.; Marciani, D. *J. Immunol.* **1991**, *146*, 431-437; Marciani, D. J.; Press, J. B.; Reynolds, R. C.; Pathak, A. K.; Pathak, V. L.; Gundy, E.; Farmer, J. T.; Koratich, M. S.; May, R. D. *Vaccine* **2000**, *18*, 3141-3151; Kim, S.-K.; Ragupathi, G.; Musselli, C.; Choi, S. J.; Park, Y. S.; Livingston, P. O. *Vaccine* **1999**, *18*, 597-603; Kim, S.-K.; Ragupathi, G.; Cappello, S.; Kagan, E. P.; Livingston, P. O. *Vaccine* **2000**, *19*, 530-537), a carbohydrate-specific antibody response may be observed. A number of complex, fully synthetic carbohydrate-based constructs, synthesized in our laboratories, have shown significant promise in preclinical, and even clinical, settings (Ragupathi, G.; Park, T. K.; Zhang, S. L.; Kim, I. J.; Graber, L.; Adluri, S.; Lloyd, K. O.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Livingston, P. O. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.* **1997**, *36*, 125-128; Slovin, S. F.; Ragupathi, G.; Adluri, S.; Ungers, G.; Terry, K.; Kim, S.; Spassova, M.; Bornmann, W. G.; Fazzari, M.; Dantis, L.; Olkiewicz, K.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Scher, H. I. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **1999**, *96*, 5710-5715; Gilewski, T.; Ragupathi, G.; Bhuta, S.; Williams, L. J.; Musselli, C.; Zhang, X.F.; Bencsath, K. P.; Panageas, K. S.; Chin, J.; Hudis, C. A.; Norton, L.; Houghton, A. N.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **2001**, *98*, 3270-

3275; Krug, L. M.; Ragupathi, G.; Hood, C.; Kris, M. G.; Miller, V. A.; Allen, J. R.; Keding, S. J.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Gomez, J.; Tyson, L.; Pizzo, B.; Baez, V.; Livingston, P. O. *Clin. Cancer Res.* **2004**, *10*, 6094-6100; Sabbatini, P. J.; Kudryashov, V.; Ragupathi, G.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Livingston, P. O.; Bornmann, W.; Spassova, M.; Zatorski, A.; Spriggs, D.; Aghajanian, C.; Soignet, S.; Peyton, M.; O'Flaherty, C.; Curtin, J.; Lloyd, K. O. *Int. J. Cancer.* **2000**, *87*, 79-85).

Exemplary cyclic peptide displaying STn and Tn carbohydrate epitopes



[0190] When designing a carbohydrate-based vaccine construct, it may be useful to consider the way in which the antigen is displayed in its natural environment, i.e. on the surface of the transformed cell, and to attempt to mimic this natural setting in the context of the vaccine. Along these lines, we have taken note of the mucin-bound carbohydrate antigens, Tn and STn, which are over-expressed on the surfaces of a variety of epithelial cancers, such as prostate, breast, colon, and

ovarian (Springer, G. F. *Science* **1984**, *224*, 1198-1206; Itzkowitz, S. H.; Yuan, M.; Montgomery, C. K.; Kjeldsen, T.; Takahashi, H. K.; Bigbee, W. L.; Kim, Y. S. *Cancer Res.* **1989**, *49*, 197-204; Kim, Y. S.; Gum, J.; Brockhausen, I. *Glyconjugate J.* **1996**, *13*, 693-707; Springer, G. F. *J. Mol. Med.* **1997**, *75*, 594-602; Springer, G. F. *Crit. Rev. Oncogenesis* **1995**, *6*, 57-85). On the tumor cell surface, Tn and STn are presented in broadly conserved “clusters” of 2-4 carbohydrate units, O-linked to the mucin peptide through serine or threonine residues.

[0191] Approaches using monomeric Tn or STn antigen, in which one glycan unit is covalently appended to an immunogenic carrier protein, have proven beneficial (Adluri, S; Helling, F; Ogata, S; Zhang, S.; Itzkowitz, S. H.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Cancer Immunol. Immunother.* **1995**, *41*, 185-192; MacLean, G. D.; Reddish, M.; Koganty, R. R.; Wong, T.; Gandhi, S.; Smolenski, M.; Samuel, J.; Nabholz, J. M.; Longenecker, B. M. *Cancer Immunol. Immunother.* **1993**, *36*, 215-222; MacLean, G. D.; Reddish, M. A.; Bowen-Yacyshyn, M. B.; Poppema, S.; Longenecker, B. M. *Cancer Invest* **1994**, *12*, 46-56; MacLean, G. D.; Miles, D. W.; Rubens, R. D.; Reddish, M.A.; Longenecker, B. M. *J. Immunother.* **1996**, *19*, 309-316; MacLean, G. D.; Reddish, M. A.; Koganty, R. R.; Longenecker, B. M. *J. Immunother.* **1996**, *19*, 59-68; O'Boyle, K. P.; Markowitz, A. L.; Khorshidi, M.; Lalezari, P.; Longenecker, B. M.; Lloyd, K. O.; Welt, S.; Wright, K. E. *Hybridoma*. **1996**, *15*, 401-408). However, it has been shown that clustered vaccines – wherein multiple copies of the carbohydrate are incorporated on a peptide backbone (Figures 4a-b) – induce higher titers against some carbohydrate epitopes (Kudryashov, V.; Glunz, P. W.; Williams, L. J.; Hintermann, S.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Lloyd, K. O. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **2001**, *98*, 3264 - 3269). Indeed, recent studies with the antitumor monoclonal antibody (MAb) B72.3 revealed that it preferentially recognized clustered STn rather than monovalent STn (Slovin, S. F.; Ragupathi, G.; Musselli, C.; Olkiewicz, K.; Verbel, D.; Kuduk, S. D.; Schwarz, J. B.; Sames, D.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Livingston, P. O.; Scher, H. I. *J. Clin. Oncol.* **2003**, *21*, 4292–4298; Zhang, S.; Walberg, L. A.; Ogata, S.; Itzkowitz, S. H.; Koganty, R. R.; Reddish, M.; Gandhi, S.S.; Longenecker, B. M.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Cancer Res.* **1995**, *55*, 3364-3368).

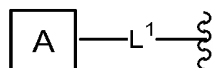
[0192] To some extent, the lowered entropic penalty associated with the increase in valency enhances carbohydrate-protein interactions. However, the choice of template for multivalent carbohydrate display may be important; excessively flexible scaffolds will permit attached glycans to remain far from in most conformations, decreasing the effective clustering of the antigen. In considering a template for the presentation of the clustered carbohydrates, we have been attracted to the type of scaffold, depicted in Figure 25, upon which the clustered glycans would be displayed in a

well-defined orientation. Our design, inspired by Dumy (Dumy, P.; Eggleston, I. M.; Cervigni, S.; Sila, U.; Sun, X.; Mutter, M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1995**, *36*, 1225-1258; Dumy, P.; Renaudet, O. *Org. Lett.* **2003**, *5*, 243-246; Singh, Y.; Dolphin, G. T.; Razkin, J.; Dumy, P. *ChemBioChem* **2006**, *7*, 1298-1314) and Robinson (Jiang, L.; Moehle, K.; Dhanapal, B.; Obrecht, D.; Robinson, J. A. *Helv. Chim. Acta* **2000**, *83*, 3097-3112; Favre, M.; Moehle, K.; Jiang, J.; Pfeiffer, B.; Robinson, J. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 2679-2685; Robinson, J. A. *Synlett* **2000**, 429-441) is amenable to variations in the number and type of carbohydrates displayed, as well as the spacing of the carbohydrate domains. Moreover, the promise of such templates is evidenced by recent studies demonstrating their use for clustered antigen syntheses in our lab and elsewhere (Grigalevicius, S.; Chierici, S.; Renaudet, O.; Lo-Man, R.; Deriaud, E.; Leclerc, C.; Dumy, P. *Bioconjugate Chem.* **2005**, *16*, 1149-1159).

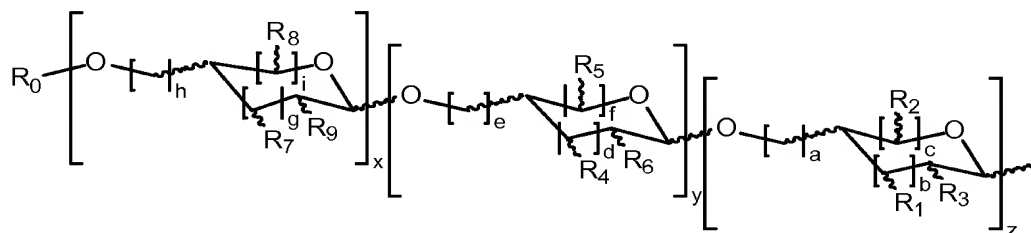
[0193] Wang, J.; Li, H.; Zou, G.; Wang, L. X. *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2007**, *5*, 1529-1540). In fact, we have recently employed this scaffold in the context of a separate program, directed toward the development of an HIV vaccine (Krauss, I. J.; Joyce, J. G.; Finnefrock, A. C.; Song, H. C.; Dudkin, V. Y.; Geng, X. J.; Warren, D.; Chastain, M.; Shiver, J. W.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 11042-11044; Joyce, J. G.; Krauss, I. J.; Song, H. C.; Opalka, D. W.; Grimm, K. M.; Nahas, D. D.; Esser, M. T.; Hrin, R.; Feng, M.; Dudkin, V. Y.; Chastain, M.; Shiver, J. W.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **2008**, *105*, 15684-15689).

[0194] In some embodiments, a cyclic peptide comprises a pair of β -turn-inducing D-Pro-L-Pro sequences (Bean, J. W.; Kopple, K. D.; Peishoff, C. E. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1992**, *114*, 5328-5334) at both ends of the macrocycle. Positions A-F (red, with side chain projecting “above” the plane of the scaffold) may contain handles for glycan attachment, whereas position G is a cysteine residue (blue, with side chain projecting from the “bottom” face of the scaffold), suitable for linkage to a carrier protein or biological marker. This scaffold is tunable in that differential placement of aspartate residues in positions A-F permits variation in the number and spacing of the glycan attachments (5-1, Figure 25).

[0195] In certain embodiments, the present disclosure provides a construct comprising a cyclic peptide backbone, wherein two or more amino acids are independently substituted with a glycosidic moiety having the structure:



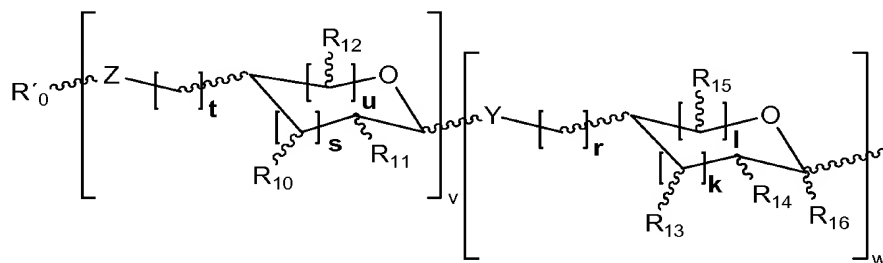
wherein each occurrence of L^1 is as defined above; and
 each occurrence of A is independently a carbohydrate determinant having the structure:



wherein a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, x, y and z are independently 0, 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the x, y and z bracketed structures represent furanose or pyranose moieties and the sum of b and c is 1 or 2, the sum of d and f is 1 or 2, and the sum of g and i is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that x, y and z are not simultaneously 0;

R_0 is hydrogen, or an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 and R_9 is independently hydrogen, OH, OR, NR_2 , $NHCOR$, or an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur; or a saccharide moiety having the structure:



wherein Y and Z are independently NH or O; wherein k, l, r, s, t, u, v and w are each independently 0, 1 or 2; with the proviso that the v and w bracketed structures represent furanose or pyranose moieties and the sum of l and k is 1 or 2, and the sum of s and u is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that v and w are not simultaneously 0;

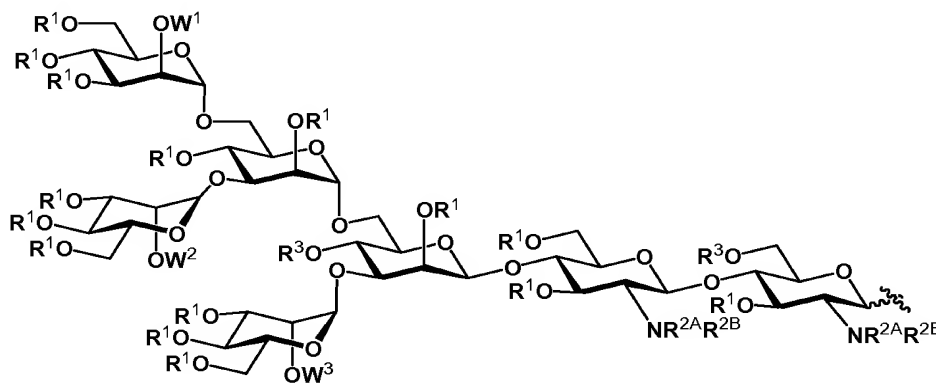
R'_0 is hydrogen, or an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

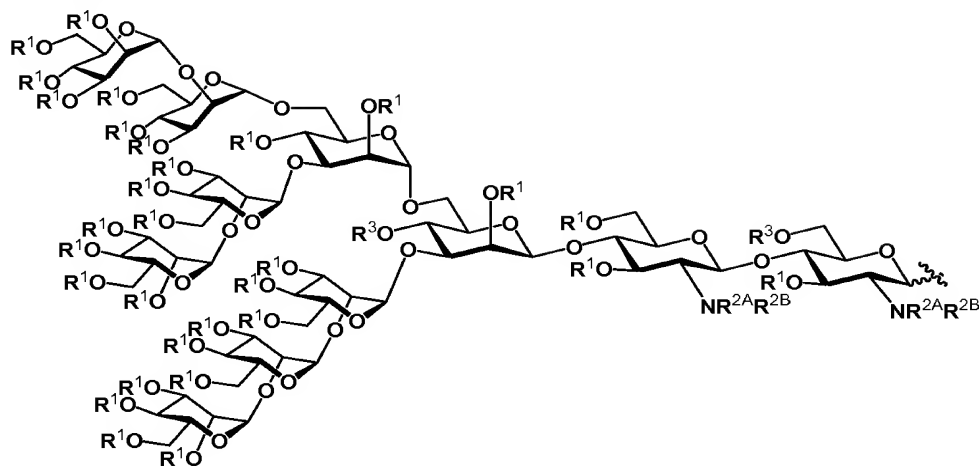
each occurrence of R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} and R_{15} is independently hydrogen, OH, OR, NR_2 , $NHCOR$, or an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of R_{16} is hydrogen, COOH, COOR, CONHR, a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl or aryl group;

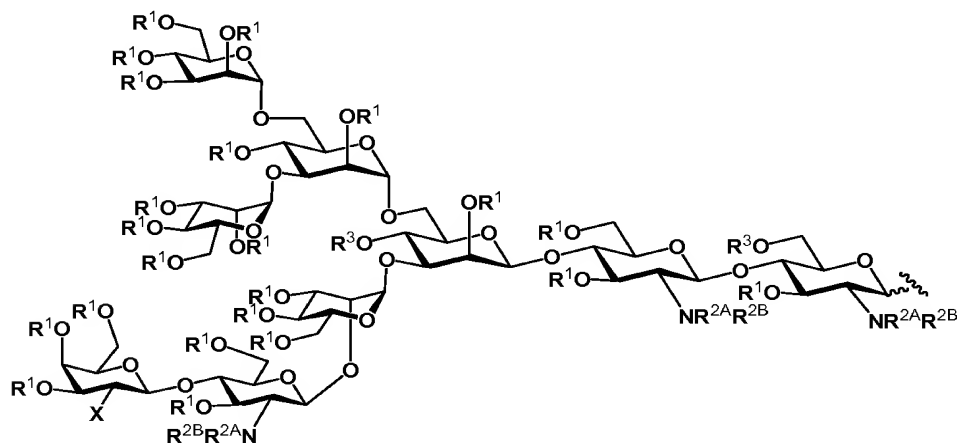
each R is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, arylalkyl, 6-10-membered aryl, C_{1-6} aliphatic, or C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur; or: two R on the same nitrogen atom are taken with the nitrogen to form a 4-7-membered heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

with the proviso that A is not a carbohydrate domain of formula:





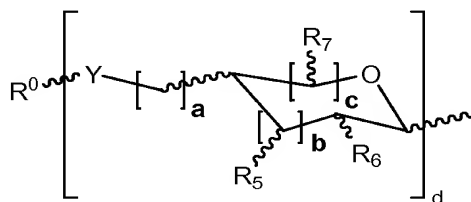
or



wherein each occurrence of R^1 is independently hydrogen or an oxygen protecting group;

each occurrence of R^{2A} and R^{2B} is independently hydrogen or a nitrogen protecting group;

each occurrence of R^3 is independently hydrogen, a protecting group or a carbohydrate domain comprising a saccharide moiety having the structure:



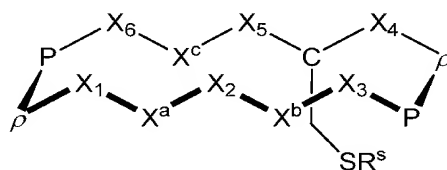
wherein Y is NH or O; wherein a, b and c are each independently 0, 1 or 2; d is an integer from 1-3; with the proviso that the d bracketed structure represents a furanose or pyranose moiety and the sum of b and c is 1 or 2; wherein R^0 is hydrogen, a linear or branched chain alkyl, acyl,

arylalkyl or aryl group; wherein each occurrence of R^5 , R^6 and R^7 is independently hydrogen, OH, OR^i , $NR^{ii}R^{iii}$, $NHCOR^i$, F, CH_2OH , CH_2OR^i , or a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl, (mono-, di- or tri)hydroxyalkyl, (mono-, di- or tri)acyloxyalkyl, arylalkyl or aryl group; wherein each occurrence of R^i , R^{ii} and R^{iii} is independently hydrogen, a protecting group, a sialic acid moiety, CHO, $COOR^{iv}$, or a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl, acyl, arylalkyl or aryl group, or R^{ii} and R^{iii} , taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic or heteroaryl moiety; and wherein each occurrence of R^{iv} is independently H, or a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl, arylalkyl or aryl group; and

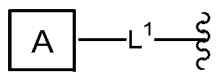
W^1 , W^2 and W^3 are independently optionally substituted mannose, galactose or lactosamine moieties.

[0196] In certain embodiments, A is a carbohydrate determinant found on tumor cells. In certain embodiments, at least one occurrence of A is not a carbohydrate determinant found on gp120.

[0197] In some embodiments, a construct has the structure:



wherein each of X^a , X^b , X^c , X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , and X^6 is independently a natural or unnatural amino acid, and R^s is hydrogen or $-SR$, wherein R is as defined above and wherein at least one of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , or X^6 is an aspartate substituted with a glycosidic moiety having the structure:

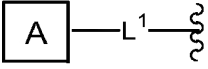


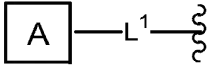
[0198] In certain embodiments, a cyclic peptide is further conjugated to a carrier as defined herein. In some embodiments, the carrier is KLH.

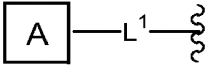
[0199] In certain embodiments, such constructs comprising a cyclic peptide comprise an amino acid sequence characterized in that the cyclic peptide adopts a β -sheet conformation in which alternating residues point their side chains above and below the macrocycle. In some embodiments, all amino acids of a cyclic peptide bearing a carbohydrate domain point their side chains in the same direction.

[0200] It will be appreciated that a variety of cyclic peptide sequences can be used in accordance with the present disclosure. In some embodiments, any amino acid sequence that provides such a β -sheet conformation may be used in accordance with the preceding cyclic peptide formula.

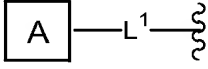
[0201] In some embodiments, one of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , or X^6 is substituted with a

glycosidic moiety having the structure: . In some embodiments, two of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , or X^6 are independently substituted with a glycosidic moiety having the structure:

. In some embodiments, three of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , or X^6 are independently

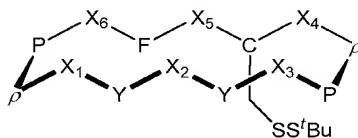
substituted with a glycosidic moiety having the structure: . In some embodiments, four of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , or X^6 are independently substituted with a glycosidic moiety having the

structure: . In some embodiments, five of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , or X^6 are

independently substituted with a glycosidic moiety having the structure: . In some embodiments, each of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , and X^6 is independently substituted with a glycosidic

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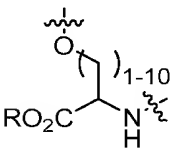
[0202] In some embodiments, each of X^a , X^b , and X^c is selected from the group consisting of phenylalanine and tyrosine. In some embodiments, a provided construct has the structure:

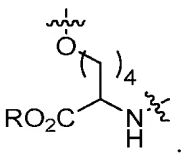


wherein at least one of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , or X^6 is an aspartate substituted with a glycosidic moiety

having the structure: .

[0203] In certain embodiments, L^1 is a natural amino acid residue. In certain embodiments,

L^1 is an unnatural amino acid residue. In certain embodiments, L^1 is . In certain

embodiments, L^1 is .

[0204] In certain embodiments, A is Tn. In certain embodiments, A is STn.

[0205] While a number of distinct combinations of variables are exemplified and described herein as genera and/or species, it will be appreciated that the present disclosure contemplates all possible combinations of variables as discrete species.

Formulations

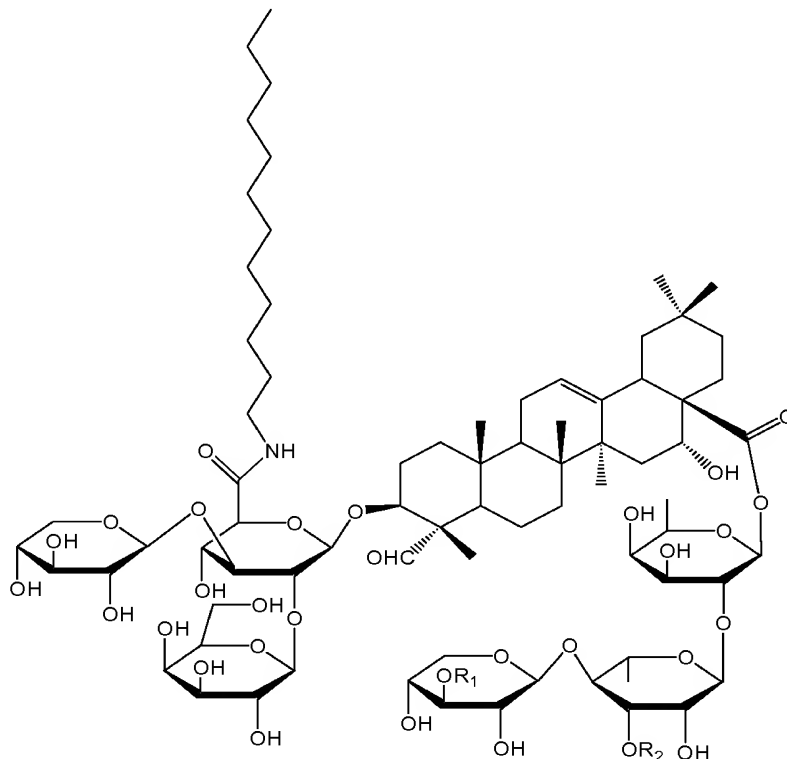
[0206] As described above, the present invention provides compounds and synthetic methodologies useful in the development of novel therapeutic agents, particularly for fully synthetic cancer vaccines and/or therapeutics. In general, the compounds and glycopeptides prepared as disclosed herein can be conjugated to a protein carrier or a lipid to generate useful glycoconjugates for the treatment and/or prevention, (preferably the prevention of the recurrence), of cancer in a subject suffering therefrom. In addition, glycoconjugates prepared by processes disclosed herein are useful in adjuvant therapies as vaccines capable of inducing antibodies immunoreactive with various tumor cells. Such adjuvant therapies may reduce the rate of recurrence of certain cancers, and increase survival rates after surgery. Clinical trials on patients surgically treated for cancer who are then treated with vaccines prepared from a cell surface differentiation antigen found in patients lacking the antibody prior to immunization, a highly significant increase in disease-free interval may be observed (P.O. Livingston, *et al.*, *J. Clin. Oncol.*, **1994**, *12*, 1036).

[0207] Thus, the present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions for treating cancer and/or for preventing the recurrence of cancer, comprising any compound of the present invention disclosed herein, as an active ingredient, optionally in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention may further comprise other therapeutically active ingredients (*e.g.*, chemotherapeutic and/or palliative). For example, palliative treatment encompasses painkillers, antinausea medications and anti-sickness drugs. In addition,

chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery can all be used palliatively (that is, to reduce symptoms without going for cure; *e.g.*, for shrinking tumors and reducing pressure, bleeding, pain and other symptoms of cancer).

[0208] In certain embodiments, pharmaceutical compositions of the invention comprise an immunological adjuvant, or a combination of immunological adjuvants.

[0209] In certain embodiments, the adjuvant is a saponin adjuvant (see, *e.g.*, Marciani *et al.*, *Vaccine*, **2000**, 18, 3141, US Patent No.: 6,080,725 and 5,977,081, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference). One example of a saponin adjuvant includes, but is not limited to, GPI-0100, (Galenica Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Frederick, MD) which is a semi-synthetic adjuvant derived by modifying selected natural saponins.

**GPI-0100**

[0210] Saponins isolated from *Quillaja saponaria* Molina contain two acyl moieties, a normonoterpene carboxylic acid and a normonoterpene carboxylic acid glycoside, which are linked linearly to a fucosyl residue attached at position C-28. It has been hypothesized that these lipophilic acyl groups may be responsible for these saponins' toxicity and their ability to stimulate cytotoxic T cells against exogenous antigens. The linkage between the fucosyl residue and the acyl group is

unstable and hydrolyzes under mild conditions ($\text{pH} \geq 6$) with concomitant loss of saponins capability to stimulate cell-mediated immune response. Unlike their saponin precursors, GPI-0100 adjuvants comprise a stable non-toxic lipophilic moiety in the saponin's glucuronic residue. Methods for preparing these semi-synthetic adjuvants are well-known in the art. For example, GPI-0100 adjuvants may be prepared by hydrolizing quillaja saponins (which are commercially available) under basic conditions to yield the corresponding deacylated product. The deacylated intermediate may then be reacted with a suitable amine reagent using standard carboxylic acid moiety activation methodology to give the desired compounds. A wide variety of procedures are effective for extracting saponin compounds. They are generalized as follows: (i) defatting of the organic matter with a hydrophobic organic solvent such as petroleum ether; (ii) extraction with a suitable alcohol (e.g., methanol or ethanol) or alcohol-water mixture; (iii) evaporation of the carinol solvent; and (iv) partitioning of the dried alcohol extract between water and n-butanol saturated with water, followed by precipitation of the crude saponins from the n-butanol/water with a suitable organic solvent (e.g., diethyl ether). Purification of the saponin extract may require multiple separation steps. For example, preliminary fractionation may be carried out using conventional open column chromatography or flash chromatography on silica gel, in combination with a more sophisticated chromatographic technique such as High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), droplet counter-current liquid chromatography (DCCC) or centrifugal Liquid Chromatography (RLCC). The integration of these techniques with preparative TLC typically affords separated and purified saponins.

[0211] In certain other embodiments, the adjuvant is or comprises bacteria or liposomes. In certain exemplary embodiments, the adjuvant includes but is not limited to, *Salmonella minnesota* cells, bacille Calmette-Guerin, GPI-0100, or QS-21.

[0212] Compounds of the present invention may be combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier to form a pharmaceutical composition. Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, Sixteenth Edition, E. W. Martin (Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pa., 1980) discloses various carriers used in formulating pharmaceutical compositions and known techniques for the preparation thereof. In certain embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition includes a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of an inventive compound. The amount of active ingredient which can be combined with a carrier material to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host being treated, and the particular mode of administration. The amount of active ingredient that can be combined with a carrier material to produce a single dosage form will generally be that amount of the compound

which produces a therapeutic effect. Generally, this amount will range from about 1% to about 99% of active ingredient, from about 5% to about 70%, or from about 10% to about 30%.

[0213] Wetting agents, emulsifiers, and lubricants, such as sodium lauryl sulfate and magnesium stearate, as well as coloring agents, release agents, coating agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents, preservatives and antioxidants can also be present in the compositions.

[0214] Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable antioxidants include: water soluble antioxidants, such as ascorbic acid, cysteine hydrochloride, sodium bisulfate, sodium metabisulfite, sodium sulfite and the like; oil-soluble antioxidants, such as ascorbyl palmitate, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), lecithin, propyl gallate, alpha-tocopherol, and the like; and metal chelating agents, such as citric acid, ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA), sorbitol, tartaric acid, phosphoric acid, and the like.

[0215] Formulations of the present invention include those suitable for oral, nasal, topical (including buccal and sublingual), rectal, vaginal and/or parenteral administration. The formulations may conveniently be presented in unit dosage form and may be prepared by any methods well known in the art of pharmacy. In certain embodiments, a formulation of the present invention comprises an excipient selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrins, liposomes, micelle forming agents, e.g., bile acids, and polymeric carriers, e.g., polyesters and polyanhydrides; and a compound of the present invention. In certain embodiments, an aforementioned formulation renders orally bioavailable a compound of the present invention.

[0216] Methods of preparing these formulations include the step of bringing into association a compound of the present invention with the carrier and, optionally, one or more accessory ingredients. In general, the formulations are prepared by uniformly and intimately bringing into association a compound of the present invention with liquid carriers, or finely divided solid carriers, or both, and then, if necessary, shaping the product.

[0217] Formulations of the invention suitable for oral administration may be in the form of capsules, cachets, pills, tablets, lozenges (using a flavored basis, usually sucrose and acacia or tragacanth), powders, granules, or as a solution or a suspension in an aqueous or non-aqueous liquid, or as an oil-in-water or water-in-oil liquid emulsion, or as an elixir or syrup, or as pastilles (using an inert base, such as gelatin and glycerin, or sucrose and acacia) and/or as mouth washes and the like, each containing a predetermined amount of a compound of the present invention as an active

ingredient. A compound of the present invention may also be administered as a bolus, electuary or paste.

[0218] In solid dosage forms of the invention for oral administration (capsules, tablets, pills, dragees, powders, granules and the like), the active ingredient is mixed with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, such as sodium citrate or dicalcium phosphate, and/or any of the following: fillers or extenders, such as starches, lactose, sucrose, glucose, mannitol, and/or silicic acid; binders, such as, for example, carboxymethylcellulose, alginates, gelatin, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, sucrose and/or acacia; humectants, such as glycerol; disintegrating agents, such as agar-agar, calcium carbonate, potato or tapioca starch, alginic acid, certain silicates, and sodium carbonate; solution retarding agents, such as paraffin; absorption accelerators, such as quaternary ammonium compounds; wetting agents, such as, for example, cetyl alcohol, glycerol monostearate, and non-ionic surfactants; absorbents, such as kaolin and bentonite clay; lubricants, such as talc, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate, solid polyethylene glycols, sodium lauryl sulfate, and mixtures thereof; and coloring agents. In the case of capsules, tablets and pills, the pharmaceutical compositions may also comprise buffering agents. Solid compositions of a similar type may also be employed as fillers in soft and hard-shelled gelatin capsules using such carriers as lactose or milk sugars, as well as high molecular weight polyethylene glycols and the like.

[0219] A tablet may be made by compression or molding, optionally with one or more accessory ingredients. Compressed tablets may be prepared using binder (for example, gelatin or hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose), lubricant, inert diluent, preservative, disintegrant (for example, sodium starch glycolate or cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose), surface-active or dispersing agent. Molded tablets may be made in a suitable machine in which a mixture of the powdered compound is moistened with an inert liquid diluent.

[0220] The tablets, and other solid dosage forms of the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention, such as dragees, capsules, pills and granules, may optionally be scored or prepared with coatings and shells, such as enteric coatings and other coatings well known in the pharmaceutical-formulating art. They may also be formulated so as to provide slow or controlled release of the active ingredient therein using, for example, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose in varying proportions to provide the desired release profile, other polymer matrices, liposomes and/or microspheres. They may be formulated for rapid release, *e.g.*, freeze-dried. They may be sterilized by, for example, filtration through a bacteria-retaining filter, or by incorporating sterilizing agents in the form of sterile solid compositions that can be dissolved in sterile water, or some other sterile

injectable medium immediately before use. These compositions may also optionally contain opacifying agents and may be of a composition that they release the active ingredient(s) only, or preferentially, in a certain portion of the gastrointestinal tract, optionally, in a delayed manner. Examples of embedding compositions that can be used include polymeric substances and waxes. The active ingredient can also be in micro-encapsulated form, if appropriate, with one or more of the above-described excipients.

[0221] Liquid dosage forms for oral administration of the compounds of the invention include pharmaceutically acceptable emulsions, microemulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups and elixirs. In addition to the active ingredient, the liquid dosage forms may contain inert diluents commonly used in the art, such as, for example, water or other solvents, solubilizing agents and emulsifiers, such as ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl carbonate, ethyl acetate, benzyl alcohol, benzyl benzoate, propylene glycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, oils (in particular, cottonseed, groundnut, corn, germ, olive, castor, and sesame oils), glycerol, tetrahydrofuryl alcohol, polyethylene glycols and fatty acid esters of sorbitan, and mixtures thereof.

[0222] Besides inert diluents, the oral compositions can also include adjuvants such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring, coloring, perfuming and preservative agents.

[0223] Suspensions, in addition to the active compounds, may contain suspending agents as, for example, ethoxylated isostearyl alcohols, polyoxyethylene sorbitol and sorbitan esters, microcrystalline cellulose, aluminum metahydroxide, bentonite, agar-agar and tragacanth, and mixtures thereof.

[0224] Formulations of the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention for rectal or vaginal administration may be presented as a suppository, which may be prepared by mixing one or more compounds of the invention with one or more suitable nonirritating excipients or carriers comprising, for example, cocoa butter, polyethylene glycol, a suppository wax or a salicylate, and which is solid at room temperature, but liquid at body temperature and, therefore, will melt in the rectum or vaginal cavity and release the active compound.

[0225] Formulations of the present invention which are suitable for vaginal administration also include pessaries, tampons, creams, gels, pastes, foams or spray formulations containing such carriers as are known in the art to be appropriate.

[0226] Dosage forms for the topical or transdermal administration of a compound of this invention include powders, sprays, ointments, pastes, creams, lotions, gels, solutions, patches and inhalants. The active compound may be mixed under sterile conditions with a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier, and with any preservatives, buffers, or propellants which may be required.

[0227] The ointments, pastes, creams and gels may contain, in addition to an active compound of this invention, excipients, such as animal and vegetable fats, oils, waxes, paraffins, starch, tragacanth, cellulose derivatives, polyethylene glycols, silicones, bentonites, silicic acid, talc and zinc oxide, or mixtures thereof.

[0228] Powders and sprays can contain, in addition to a compound of this invention, excipients such as lactose, talc, silicic acid, aluminum hydroxide, calcium silicates and polyamide powder, or mixtures of these substances. Sprays can additionally contain customary propellants, such as chlorofluorohydrocarbons and volatile unsubstituted hydrocarbons, such as butane and propane.

[0229] Transdermal patches have the added advantage of providing controlled delivery of a compound of the present invention to the body. Dissolving or dispersing the compound in the proper medium can make such dosage forms. Absorption enhancers can also be used to increase the flux of the compound across the skin. Either providing a rate controlling membrane or dispersing the compound in a polymer matrix or gel can control the rate of such flux.

[0230] Ophthalmic formulations, eye ointments, powders, solutions and the like, are also contemplated as being within the scope of this invention.

[0231] Pharmaceutical compositions of this invention suitable for parenteral administration comprise one or more compounds of the invention in combination with one or more pharmaceutically-acceptable sterile isotonic aqueous or nonaqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or emulsions, or sterile powders which may be reconstituted into sterile injectable solutions or dispersions just prior to use, which may contain sugars, alcohols, antioxidants, buffers, bacteriostats, solutes which render the formulation isotonic with the blood of the intended recipient or suspending or thickening agents.

[0232] Examples of suitable aqueous and nonaqueous carriers, which may be employed in the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention include water, ethanol, polyols (such as glycerol, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, and the like), and suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils,

such as olive oil, and injectable organic esters, such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the use of coating materials, such as lecithin, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions, and by the use of surfactants.

[0233] These compositions may also contain adjuvants such as preservatives, wetting agents, emulsifying agents and dispersing agents. Prevention of the action of microorganisms upon the subject compounds may be ensured by the inclusion of various antibacterial and antifungal agents, for example, paraben, chlorobutanol, phenol sorbic acid, and the like. It may also be desirable to include isotonic agents, such as sugars, sodium chloride, and the like into the compositions. In addition, prolonged absorption of the injectable pharmaceutical form may be brought about by the inclusion of agents which delay absorption such as aluminum monostearate and gelatin.

[0234] In some cases, in order to prolong the effect of a drug, it is desirable to slow the absorption of the drug from subcutaneous or intramuscular injection. This may be accomplished by the use of a liquid suspension of crystalline or amorphous material having poor water solubility. The rate of absorption of the drug then depends upon its rate of dissolution, which in turn, may depend upon crystal size and crystalline form. Alternatively, delayed absorption of a parenterally-administered drug form is accomplished by dissolving or suspending the drug in an oil vehicle.

[0235] Injectable depot forms are made by forming microencapsule matrices of the subject compounds in biodegradable polymers such as polylactide-polyglycolide. Depending on the ratio of drug to polymer, and the nature of the particular polymer employed, the rate of drug release can be controlled. Examples of other biodegradable polymers include poly(orthoesters) and poly(anhydrides). Depot injectable formulations are also prepared by entrapping the drug in liposomes or microemulsions, which are compatible with body tissue.

[0236] Drug-eluting forms include coated or medicated stents and implantable devices. Drug-eluting stents and other devices may be coated with a compound or pharmaceutical preparation and may further comprise a polymer designed for time-release.

[0237] In certain embodiments, a compound or pharmaceutical preparation is administered orally. In other embodiments, the compound or pharmaceutical preparation is administered intravenously. In certain embodiments, a compound is attached via a cleavable linker to a solid support that is administered with a catheter. Alternative routes of administration include sublingual, intramuscular, and transdermal administrations.

[0238] When the compounds of the present invention are administered as pharmaceuticals, to humans and animals, they can be given per se or as a pharmaceutical composition containing, for example, 0.1% to 99.5%, or 0.5% to 90%, of active ingredient in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

[0239] The preparations of the present invention may be given orally, parenterally, topically, or rectally. They are of course given in forms suitable for each administration route. For example, they are administered in tablets or capsule form, by injection, inhalation, eye lotion, ointment, suppository, etc. administration by injection, infusion or inhalation; topical by lotion or ointment; and rectal by suppositories.

[0240] These compounds may be administered to humans and other animals for therapy by any suitable route of administration, including orally, nasally, as by, for example, an aerosol, a spray, rectally, intravaginally, parenterally, intracisternally and topically, as by powders, ointments or drops, including buccally and sublingually.

[0241] Regardless of the route of administration selected, the compounds of the present invention, which may be used in a suitable hydrated form, and/or the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention, are formulated into pharmaceutically-acceptable dosage forms by conventional methods known to those of skill in the art.

[0242] Actual dosage levels of the active ingredients in the pharmaceutical compositions of this invention may be varied so as to obtain an amount of the active ingredient that is effective to achieve the desired therapeutic response for a particular patient, composition, and mode of administration, without being toxic to the patient.

[0243] The selected dosage level will depend upon a variety of factors including the activity of the particular compound of the present invention employed, or the ester, salt or amide thereof, the route of administration, the time of administration, the rate of excretion or metabolism of the particular compound being employed, the duration of the treatment, other drugs, compounds and/or materials used in combination with the particular compound employed, the age, sex, weight, condition, general health and prior medical history of the patient being treated, and like factors well known in the medical arts.

[0244] A physician or veterinarian having ordinary skill in the art can readily determine and prescribe the effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition required. For example, the

physician or veterinarian could start doses of the compounds of the invention employed in the pharmaceutical composition at levels lower than that required to achieve the desired therapeutic effect and then gradually increasing the dosage until the desired effect is achieved.

[0245] In some embodiments, a compound or pharmaceutical composition of the invention is provided to a subject chronically. Chronic treatments include any form of repeated administration for an extended period of time, such as repeated administrations for one or more months, between a month and a year, one or more years, or longer. In many embodiments, a chronic treatment involves administering a compound or pharmaceutical composition of the invention repeatedly over the life of the subject. Preferred chronic treatments involve regular administrations, for example one or more times a day, one or more times a week, or one or more times a month. In general, a suitable dose such as a daily dose of a compound of the invention will be that amount of the compound that is the lowest dose effective to produce a therapeutic effect. Such an effective dose will generally depend upon the factors described above. Generally doses of the compounds of this invention for a patient, when used for the indicated effects, will range from about 0.0001 to about 100 mg per kg of body weight per day. Preferably the daily dosage will range from 0.001 to 50 mg of compound per kg of body weight, and even more preferably from 0.01 to 10 mg of compound per kg of body weight. However, lower or higher doses can be used. In some embodiments, the dose administered to a subject may be modified as the physiology of the subject changes due to age, disease progression, weight, or other factors.

[0246] If desired, the effective daily dose of the active compound may be administered as two, three, four, five, six, or more sub-doses administered separately at appropriate intervals throughout the day, optionally, in unit dosage forms.

[0247] While it is possible for a compound of the present invention to be administered alone, it is preferable to administer the compound as a pharmaceutical formulation (composition) as described above.

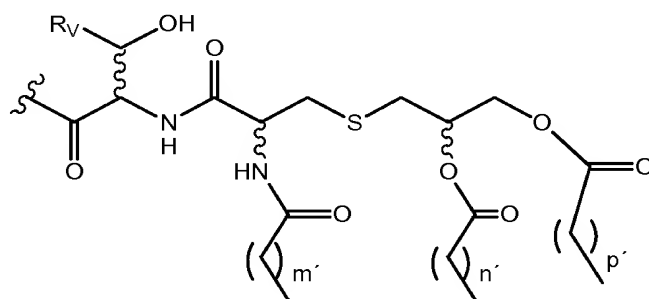
[0248] The compounds according to the invention may be formulated for administration in any convenient way for use in human or veterinary medicine, by analogy with other pharmaceuticals.

[0249] The invention provides kits comprising pharmaceutical compositions of an inventive compound. In certain embodiments, such kits include the combination of a compound of the present

invention and another chemotherapeutic agent. The agents may be packaged separately or together. The kit optionally includes instructions for prescribing the medication. In certain embodiments, the kit includes multiple doses of each agent. The kit may include sufficient quantities of each component to treat a subject for a week, two weeks, three weeks, four weeks, or multiple months. The kit may include a full cycle of chemotherapy. In certain embodiments, the kit includes multiple cycles of chemotherapy.

Uses

[0250] In certain embodiments, a method of treatment is provided comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of any of the glyconjugates disclosed herein, optionally in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. In certain embodiments, the cancer is a solid tumor or an epithelial tumor. As mentioned above, methods for the treatment of cancer and/or for the prevention of recurrence of cancer are provided, which comprises administering to the subject an amount of any of the glyconjugates disclosed above effective to induce antibodies. Also provided are methods for inducing antibodies in a human subject, wherein the antibodies are capable of specifically binding with human tumor cells. In certain embodiments, a carbohydrate antigen is linked to an immunogenic carrier either directly or through a crosslinker, wherein the carrier is a protein, peptide or lipid. In certain embodiments, a carrier is human serum albumin, aovine aerum albumin, cationized bovine serum albumin, polylysine or KLH. In certain other embodiments, the carrier is a lipid having the structure:



wherein m' , n' and p' are each independently integers between about 8 and 20; and R_V is hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain lower alkyl or substituted or unsubstituted phenyl. In certain exemplary embodiments, m' , n' and p' are each 14 and the lipid is tripalmitoyl-S-glycerylcysteinyserine (*e.g.*, PamCys).

[0251] In certain embodiments, a provided method comprises administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of any of the compounds and/or glycopeptides disclosed herein, in

combination with an immunogenic carrier, optionally in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Specifically, in certain embodiments, a provided method comprises administering a carbohydrate antigen conjugated to an immunogenic carrier. In certain embodiments, a provided method comprises administering a carbohydrate antigen and an immunogenic carrier that have not been conjugated. Rather, they are administered concurrently, or successively, as separate entities.

[0252] In certain embodiments, a provided method comprises administering a glycopeptide of the invention conjugated to an immunogenic carrier. In certain embodiments, a provided method comprises administering an inventive glycopeptide that has not been conjugated to an immunogenic carrier. Rather, a glycopeptide and an immunogenic carrier are administered concurrently, or successively, as separate entities. In certain embodiments, the immunogenic carrier is a protein, peptide or lipid. In certain embodiments, the carrier is human serum albumin, bovine serum albumin, cationized bovine serum albumin, OMPC, polylysine or KLH. In certain other embodiments, the carrier is PamCys.

[0253] For the purpose of the invention, a compound/glycopeptide and a carrier are said to be administered concurrently when they are administered (i) as a single composition containing the compound/glycopeptide and the carrier, (ii) as two separate compositions or (iii) are delivered by separate routes within a short enough period of time that the effective result is equivalent to that obtained when both compound/glycopeptide and carrier are administered as a single composition.

[0254] In certain embodiments, the present disclosure provides methods of eliciting antibodies in a subject comprising administering to the subject a construct of the present disclosure. In some embodiments, the present invention provides methods of inducing antibodies which further comprise co-administering an immunological adjuvant, or a combination of immunological adjuvants. In certain embodiments, an adjuvant is a saponin adjuvant. In certain other embodiments, an adjuvant is bacteria or liposomes. In certain embodiments, the adjuvant includes but is not limited to, *Salmonella minnesota* cells, bacille Calmette-Guerin, GPI-0100, or QS21. Specifically, when a multi-antigenic glycopeptide comprising at least two different antigenic domains is used, it is possible to induce at least two different types of antibodies. In certain embodiments, each antigen present on the glycopeptide elicits an antibody type specific to that antigen. In certain embodiments, the antibodies produced are those that recognize at least one antigen present on the glycopeptide. In certain embodiments, an inventive multi-antigenic glycopeptide, when administered to a subject, produces antibodies to a subset of the antigens present

on the glycopeptide backbone. In certain embodiments, some of the antibodies produced recognize two or more antigens of the glycopeptide. In certain embodiments, the inventive glycopeptides comprise carbohydrate domains, or truncated or elongated versions thereof, that are found on tumor cells.

[0255] Compounds of the present invention may be used *in vitro* or *in vivo*. The inventive compounds may be particularly useful in the treatment of neoplasms or other proliferative diseases *in vivo*. However, inventive compounds described above may also be used *in vitro* for research or clinical purposes (*e.g.*, determining the susceptibility of a patient's disease to an inventive compound, researching the mechanism of action, elucidating a cellular pathway or process).

[0256] In some embodiments, compounds of the present invention are provided for use in medicine. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a proliferative disease in a subject suffering therefrom, the method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of an inventive compound. In certain embodiments, the proliferative disease is a benign neoplasm. In certain embodiments, the proliferative disease is cancer.

[0257] Compounds of the present invention may be used in the treatment or prevention of neoplasms. In certain embodiments, the neoplasm is a benign neoplasm. In other embodiments, the neoplasm is a malignant neoplasm.

[0258] In some embodiments, the cancer is a hematological malignancy. In certain embodiments, the cancer is a solid tumor. Exemplary cancers that may be treated using inventive compounds include colon cancer, lung cancer, bone cancer, pancreatic cancer, stomach cancer, esophageal cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer, liver cancer, ovarian cancer, cervical cancer, uterine cancer, testicular cancer, prostate cancer, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, neuroendocrine cancer, breast cancer, gastric cancer, eye cancer, gallbladder cancer, laryngeal cancer, oral cancer, penile cancer, glandular tumors, rectal cancer, small intestine cancer, sarcoma, carcinoma, melanoma, urethral cancer, vaginal cancer, to name but a few. In some embodiments, the cancer is small cell lung cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer is ovarian cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer is breast cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer is lung cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer is of endometrial origin. In some embodiments, the cancer is colon cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer is prostate cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer is gastric cancer. In some

embodiments, the cancer is pancreatic cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer originates from any one of the above-mentioned organs or tissues.

[0259] In certain embodiments, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can be employed in combination therapies, that is, the compounds and pharmaceutical compositions can be administered concurrently with, prior to, or subsequent to, one or more other desired therapeutics or medical procedures. The particular combination of therapies (therapeutics or procedures) to employ in a combination regimen will take into account compatibility of the desired therapeutics and/or procedures and the desired therapeutic effect to be achieved. It will also be appreciated that the therapies employed may achieve a desired effect for the same disorder (for example, an inventive compound may be administered concurrently with another anticancer agent), or they may achieve different effects (*e.g.*, control of any adverse effects).

[0260] For example, other therapies or anticancer agents that may be used in combination with compounds of the present invention include surgery, radiotherapy (γ -radiation, neutron beam radiotherapy, electron beam radiotherapy, proton therapy, brachytherapy, and systemic radioactive isotopes, to name a few), endocrine therapy, biologic response modifiers (interferons, interleukins, and tumor necrosis factor (TNF) to name a few), hyperthermia and cryotherapy, agents to attenuate any adverse effects (*e.g.*, antiemetics), and other approved chemotherapeutic drugs, including, but not limited to, alkylating drugs (mechlorethamine, chlorambucil, Cyclophosphamide, Melphalan, Ifosfamide), antimetabolites (Methotrexate), purine antagonists and pyrimidine antagonists (6-Mercaptopurine, 5-Fluorouracil, Cytarabine, Gemcitabine), spindle poisons (Vinblastine, Vincristine, Vinorelbine, Paclitaxel), podophyllotoxins (Etoposide, Irinotecan, Topotecan), antibiotics (Doxorubicin, Bleomycin, Mitomycin), nitrosoureas (Carmustine, Lomustine), inorganic ions (Cisplatin, Carboplatin), enzymes (Asparaginase), and hormones (Tamoxifen, Leuprolide, Flutamide, and Megestrol), to name a few. Additionally, the present invention also encompasses the use of certain cytotoxic or anticancer agents currently in clinical trials and which may ultimately be approved by the FDA (including, but not limited to, epothilones and analogues thereof and geldanamycins and analogues thereof). For a more comprehensive discussion of updated cancer therapies see, www.nci.nih.gov and The Merck Manual, Seventeenth Ed. 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

[0261] In certain embodiments, inventive compounds are useful in treating a subject in clinical remission. In some embodiments, the subject has been treated by surgery and may have limited unresected disease.

Exemplification

Example 1

Synthesis of a MUC5AC-based glycopeptide construct

[0262] This Example demonstrates the synthesis of a multi-antigenic glycopeptide comprising a mucin tandem repeat sequence.

[0263] All commercial materials (Aldrich, Fluka) were used without further purification. All solvents were reagent grade or HPLC grade (Fisher). Anhydrous THF, diethyl ether, CH₂Cl₂, toluene, and benzene were obtained from a dry solvent system (passed through column of alumina) and used without further drying. All reactions were performed under an atmosphere of pre-purified dry Ar(g). ¹H NMR spectra and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance DRX-500 MHz at ambient temperature unless otherwise stated. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million relative to residual solvent CDCl₃ (¹H, δ 7.24; ¹³C, δ 77.0), CD₃OD (¹H, δ 3.31; ¹³C, δ 49.15). Data for ¹H NMR are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity (app = apparent, par obsc = partially obscure, ovrlp = overlapping, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet) and coupling constants. All ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with complete proton decoupling. Low-resolution mass spectral analyses were performed with a JOEL JMS-DX-303-HF mass spectrometer or Waters Micromass ZQ mass spectrometer. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere unless otherwise noted. Analytical TLC was performed on E. Merck silica gel 60 F254 plates and flash column chromatography was performed on E. Merck silica gel 60 (40–63 mm). Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds.

[0264] Our initial program for the total synthesis of construct **1-1** required the assembly of three repeats of both the protected Gb₃ glycosylamino acid and the MUC5AC peptide C-terminal thioester, which would then be iteratively coupled to form the fully glycosylated polypeptide

backbone, in analogy to our synthesis of unimolecular polyantigenic vaccine constructs. We have further refined our synthetic approach by preparing a Gb₃-MUC5AC thioester cassette, to be employed as a building block (Figure 5). We elected to block the N-termini of the cassettes with fluorenylmethyl carbonate (Fmoc) protecting groups, so that the coupling sequence would consist of iterative peptide couplings following deprotection of the N-termini. The Gb₃ glycosylamino acid would ultimately be linked to the carrier protein (KLH) via a Boc-protected diaminopropyl unit.

[0265] The synthesis of the Gb₃ glycosylamino acid **1-12** commenced with glycosylation of fluoro-donor **1-4** (Fluoro donor **1-4** was prepared in 81% yield ($\alpha:\beta = 1:1.4$) by treatment of commercial available 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-D-galactopyranose with DAST (diethylaminosulfur trifluoride) in THF. For a representative example of synthesis of fluoro donor **1-4**, see: Nicolaou, K. C.; Caulfield, T.; Kataoka, H.; Kumazawa, T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1988**, *110*, 7910-7912) with disaccharide acceptor **1-5**, under conditions previously developed in the Danishefsky group (Allen, J. R.; Allen, J. G.; Zhang, X.-F.; Williams, L. J.; Zatorski, A.; Ragupathi, G.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2000**, *6*, 1366-1375), to afford the desired perbenzylated trisaccharide **1-6** in 78% isolated yield (Figure 6). Dissolving metal reduction of **1-6** followed by peracetylation afforded **1-7a** (92%, two steps).

[0266] Earlier (Wan, Q.; Cho, Y. S.; Lambert, T. H.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Carbohydr. Chem.* **2005**, *24*, 425-440), we had noted that in the presence of Grubbs 2nd generation catalyst (**1-11**), the direct cross-metathesis of the terminal olefins of **1-7a** and **1-8a** had been plagued by the formation of significant quantities of a truncated side product. To circumvent this complication, we had prepared compounds **1-7b** and **1-8b** through cross-metathesis of **1-7a** and **1-8a** with *trans*-2-butene, in the presence of catalyst **1-9**. These modified substrates underwent cross-metathesis in the presence of catalyst **1-11**. It was found that direct olefin cross metathesis of **1-7a** and **1-8a** can in fact be effectively accomplished through the use of the Grubbs-Hoveyda 1st generation catalyst (**1-10**) (J. S. Kingsbury, J. P. A. Harrity, P. J. Bonitatebus, Jr.; A. H. Hoveyda *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 791) to provide the desired adduct, accompanied by only trace amounts of the truncated side product (Zhu, J.; Wan, Q.; Yang, G.; Ouerfelli, O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Heterocycles*, **2008**, submitted for publication). Hydrogenolysis, using Pt/C under a hydrogen atmosphere, provided the Gb₃ glycosylamino acid **1-12** in 66% yield over two steps. The latter was further coupled with *tert*-butyl *N*-(3-aminopropyl)carbamate to provide **1-13**, incorporating the C-terminal partial linker for eventual conjugation to the carrier protein (Figure 6).

[0267] Next, peptides **1-14a** and **1-14b** were prepared through Fmoc solid-phase synthesis using Novabiochem proline-TGT resin. Installation of a C-terminal thioester on both **1-14a** and **1-14b**, followed by standard side-chain deprotection afforded **1-15a** and **1-15b** in 93% and 86% yield over two steps, respectively. Compound **1-15b** was to be a key intermediate for later stage fragment assembly, because the N-terminal Fmoc can be selectively removed in the presence of the N-Boc functionality. Our initial attempts at Fmoc deprotection of **1-15b** afforded the desired free amine, together with significant amounts of the corresponding diketopiperazine. This side reaction presented difficulties in attempts at subsequent separation. We thus prepared compound **1-15a** for coupling with Gb₃ glycosylamino acid **1-12**. Standard coupling of **1-15a** with Gb₃ glycosylamino acid **1-12** using EDCI/HOBt afforded compound **1-16**, which was subsequently subjected to peracetylation to furnish the Gb₃-MUC5AC cassette **1-17** (70%, two steps). The acetate protection step facilitated isolation of the product. It will be noted that, in our peptide design, we chose to incorporate an activated L-proline thioester at the C-terminus of the peptide fragment, due to the rather non-racemizable nature of its α -stereocenter. This feature could prove useful in the subsequent cassette assembly stage.

[0268] We were then able to devise a slightly modified procedure for Fmoc deprotection, using the relatively volatile diethylamine as a solvent, in lieu of piperidine in DMF (Figures 8a-c). With this modification, we needed only to remove the volatile reagents and solvents following Fmoc cleavage. The crude free amine thus exposed would be used in the next coupling step without further purification. Fmoc deprotection of the N-terminus of compound **1-13** afforded the desired free amine, which was subjected to peptide coupling with Gb₃-MUC5AC thioester cassette **1-17** under the AgCl/HOObt protocol (Kawakami, T.; Yoshimura, S.; Aimoto, S. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1998**, *39*, 7901-7904). There was obtained the desired bis-Gb₃-MUC5AC intermediate **1-18** (70% over two steps). This bis-Gb₃-MUC5AC **1-18** was subsequently elongated to produce compound **1-19**, via a two-step sequence involving Fmoc deprotection and subsequent coupling with the Gb₃-MUC5AC thioester cassette **1-17** (72% over two steps). The next task would be that of installing the third MUC5AC peptidyl fragment. In an effort to facilitate a polarity-based separation of the target tris-Gb₃-tris-MUC5AC glycopeptide (cf. **1-20**) from other potential side products, we elected to install the final MUC5AC fragment in its deprotected, free hydroxyl form.

[0269] Thus, as outlined in Figures 8a-c, Fmoc cleavage of tris-Gb₃-bis-MUC5AC compound **1-19**, followed by coupling with the deprotected MUC5AC thioester, **1-15b**, afforded the desired tris-Gb₃-tris-MUC5AC adduct, **1-20**. As expected, glycopeptide **1-20** was readily separated

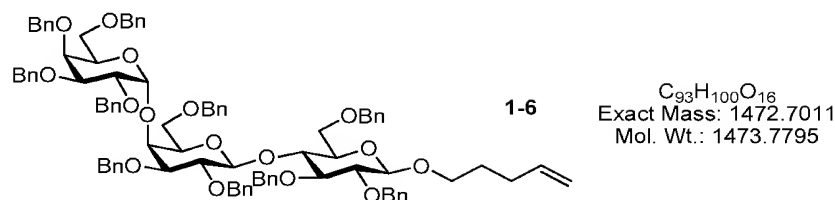
from other side products. Next, N-terminal Fmoc cleavage followed by peracetylation furnished the desired clustered Gb₃-MUC5AC construct **1-21** (62% over four steps). Thus, through the use of the Gb₃-MUC5AC thioester cassette **1-17**, we were indeed able to assemble, in a convergent manner, ample quantities of the clustered vaccine construct **1-21**. Global deprotection of **1-21** using NH₂NH₂/MeOH (1:4, v/v) afforded the target fully synthetic clustered Gb₃-MUC5AC construct **1-22** (90%). Biological evaluations of conjugate **1-22** are described in Example 2.

[0270] A further objective would be that of installing an appropriate handle for conjugation to the KLH carrier protein. Toward this end, **1-21** was treated with trifluoroacetic acid in dichloromethane to cleave the Boc carbamate functionality. Next, direct amidation with activated S-acetylthioglycolic acid pentafluorophenyl ester (SAMA-OPfp), provided **1-23** in 66% yield for two steps. Final global deprotection of **1-23** using NH₂NH₂/MeOH (1:4, v/v) (Allen, J. R.; Harris, C. R.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, *123*, 1890-1897) followed by reduction with tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (TCEP) afforded the vaccine construct **1-1** (86% yield).

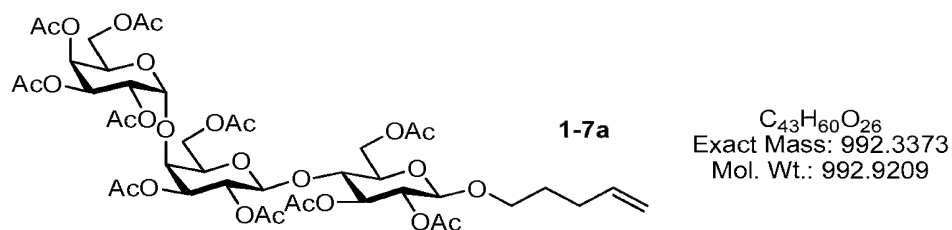
[0271] The corresponding KLH conjugate **1-24** was prepared *via* **1-1** in two steps. The first involved activation of the carrier protein KLH with sulfo-MBS (*m*-maleimidobenzoyl-*N*-hydroxysuccinimide). This was followed by subsequent addition of the terminating thiol on the glycopeptide **1-1** (in a presumed Michael fashion) to the maleimide olefin center of the activated carrier protein (Figure 9b) (Zhang, S., Graeber, L. A., Helling, F., Ragupathi, G., Adluri, S., Lloyd, K. O. & Livingston, P. O. *Cancer Res.* **1996**, *56*, 3315–3319). The ratio of glycopeptide-to-protein for KLH conjugate **1-24**, as determined by hydrolytic carbohydrate analysis (Lloyd, K. O.; Savage, A. *Glycoconjugate J.* **1991**, *8*, 439; Hardy, M. R.; Townsend, R. R. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **1988**, *85*, 3289) and standard protein analysis (Bio-Rad dye-binding method) was *ca.* 698:1. This gratifyingly high ratio of construct incorporation into the carrier presumably reflects the steric accessibility of the linking thiol function in **1-1**, as well as improved conjugation techniques. This phase of the synthesis is summarized in Figures 8a-c and 9a-b.

[0272] This Example illustrates the design and synthesis of a vaccine construct targeting ovarian carcinoma, which comprises clusters of Gb₃ carbohydrate antigen and MUC5AC peptide markers. The efficient synthesis was enabled by the preparation of a Gb₃-MUC5AC thioester cassette as a key building block for constructing three alternating repeats of Gb₃ and MUC5AC. Both non-conjugate and KLH-conjugate vaccine candidates have been prepared and the results of immunological evaluations are presented in Example 2.

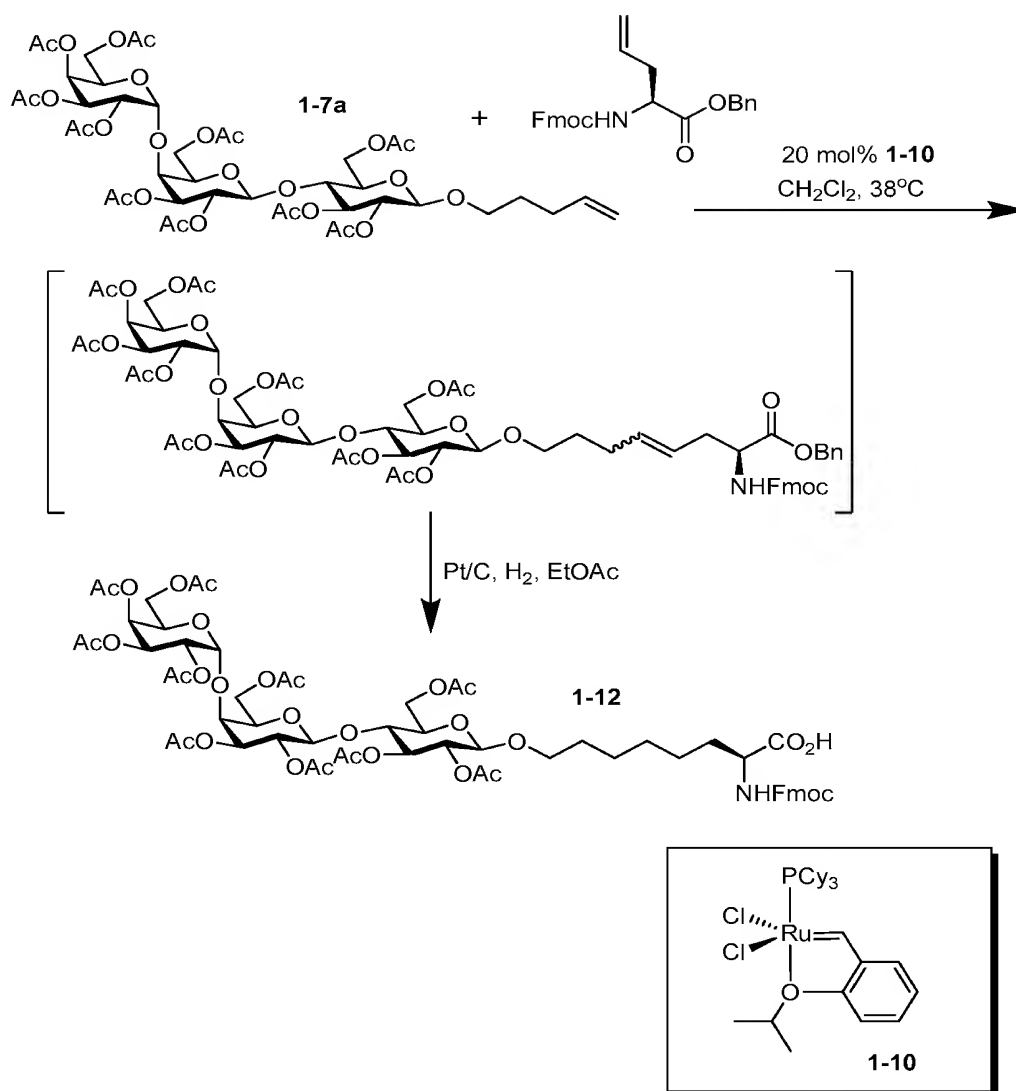
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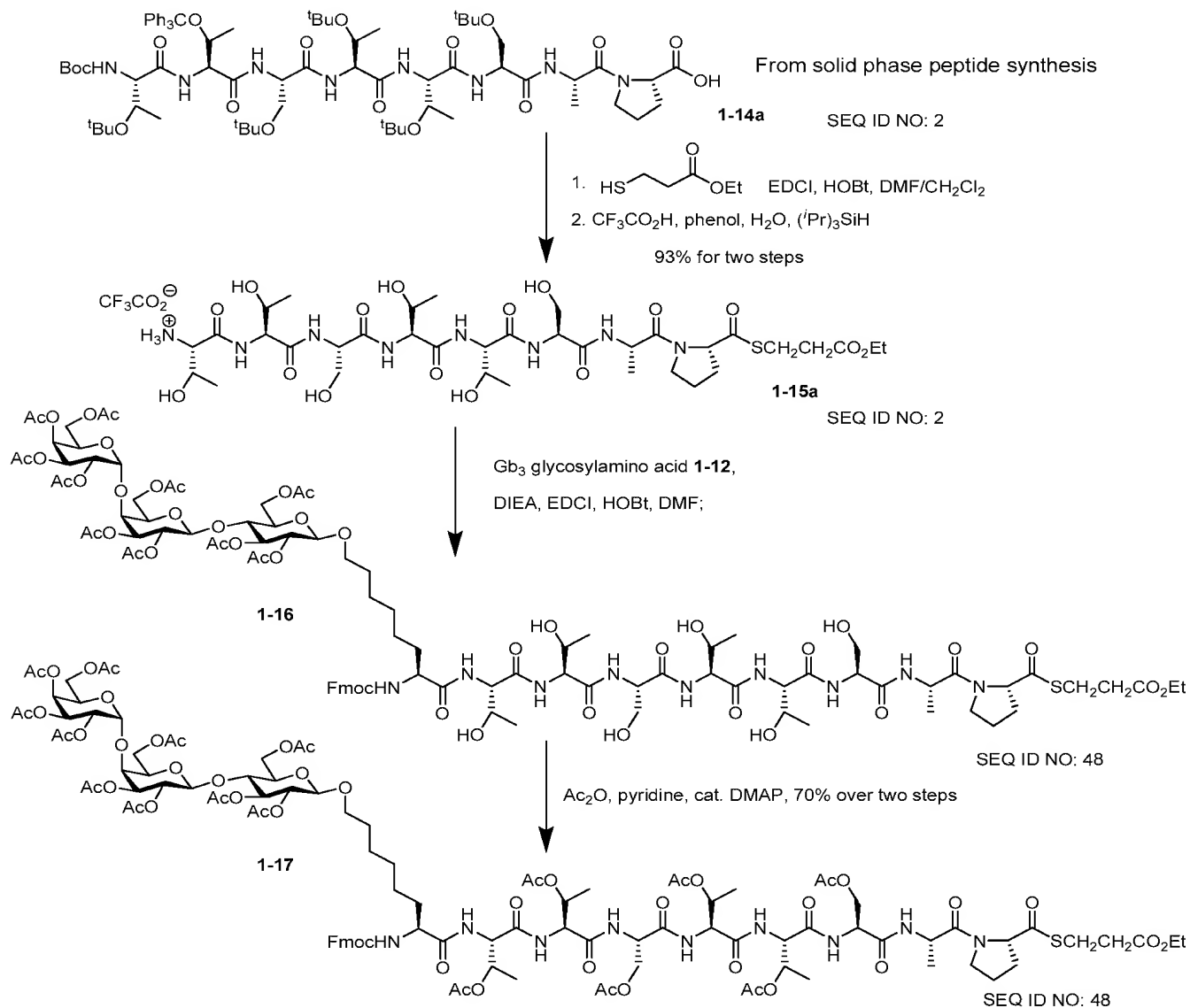
[0273] Perbenzylated trisaccharide 1-6. Prepared based on our previously reported glycosylation protocol with slight modification (Allen, J. R.; Allen, J. G.; Zhang, X.-F.; Williams, L. J.; Zatorski, A.; Ragupathi, G.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Chem. Eur. J.* **2000**, *6*, 1366-1375). A mixture of fluoro-donor **1-4** (618 mg, 1.14 mmol, 2.0 equiv) and lactoside acceptor **1-5** (540 mg, 0.57 mmol) was azeotroped with anhydrous benzene (3 X 10 mL) and further dried on high vacuum for 3 h. The above mixture was dissolved in toluene (5.0 mL) and THF (0.5 mL), and transferred *via* cannula to a flask containing 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpyridine (175 mg, 0.85 mmol) and freshly prepared 4 Å molecular sieves (900 mg) under argon. The flask was then cooled to -20 °C and $Cp_2Zr(OTf)_2$ (336 mg, 0.57 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was quickly added to the reaction mixture. The reaction was slowly warmed and stirred for 72 h at 7 °C under dark. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL) and filtered through a pad of anhydrous $MgSO_4$ with EtOAc (3 X 15 mL). The filtrate was washed with saturated $NaHCO_3$ (2 X 15 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated to dryness. Flash column chromatography (Hexane : EtOAc = 12:1 to 7:1) gave the desired α -product **1-6** (653 mg, 78%). 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.44~7.12 (50H, m), 5.82 (1H, m), 5.11~5.08 (2H, ovrlp), 5.05~4.97 (2H, m), 4.91~4.87 (3H, ovrlp), 4.81~4.69 (6H, ovrlp), 4.56~4.46 (6H, ovrlp), 4.40~4.37 (3H, ovrlp), 4.28 (2H, dd, J = 20.0 Hz, 12.0 Hz), 4.20 (1H, t, J = 9.0 Hz), 4.14~3.92 (8H, ovrlp), 3.84 (1H, dd, J = 11.0 Hz, 4.3 Hz), 3.75 (1H, d, J = 9.7 Hz), 3.66 (1H, dd, J = 9.8 Hz, 7.9 Hz), 3.61~3.50 (4H, ovrlp), 3.42~3.30 (4H, ovrlp), 3.20 (1H, dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 4.6 Hz), 2.16 (2H, m), 1.76 (2H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125.0 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 138.36, 138.04, 137.96, 128.39, 128.29, 128.20, 128.19, 128.16, 128.14, 128.12, 128.06, 128.05, 128.03, 128.00, 127.75, 127.59, 127.53, 127.51, 127.47, 127.41, 127.34, 127.31, 127.27, 127.23, 127.09, 114.80, 103.50, 102.79, 100.67, 82.60, 81.63, 81.60, 79.35, 77.19, 76.54, 75.16, 75.03, 74.95, 74.92, 74.81, 74.74, 73.64, 73.20, 73.10, 72.97, 72.94, 72.37, 72.01, 69.36, 69.17, 68.26, 67.75, 67.63, 30.16, 28.88; IR (thin film) 3030, 2921, 2865, 1495, 1452, 1364, 1093, 740 cm^{-1} ; ESI-MS m/z 1496.0, $[M+Na]^+$. $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +26^\circ$ (c = 1.0, $CHCl_3$).



[0274] **Peracetate of globo-H pentenyl glycoside 1-7a:** To condensed liquid NH_3 (30 mL) cooled at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}C$ was added sodium (676 mg, 29.4 mmol) under positive argon pressure, and then the resulting blue solution was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}C$ for 20 min. Anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) was added to the blue solution, 10 minutes later perbenzylated trisaccharide **1-6** (722 mg, 0.49 mmol) in 4.0 mL THF was added. The resulting blue solution was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}C$ for 2 hours. The reaction was quenched with solid ammonium chloride (1.54 g) and anhydrous MeOH (3.0 mL), concentrated under a stream of dry N_2 . To the residue was added 5.0 mL acetic anhydride, 10.0 mL pyridine and a crystal of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP), and then the reaction stirred at RT overnight. Concentration followed by purification by flash column chromatography (toluene/EtOAc = 1/1 to 1/1.5) gave 446 mg desired product **1-7a** as a white solid (92% yield). All data were consistent with our previously reported 1H , ^{13}C NMR, IR, and CIHRMS data of **1-7a**.



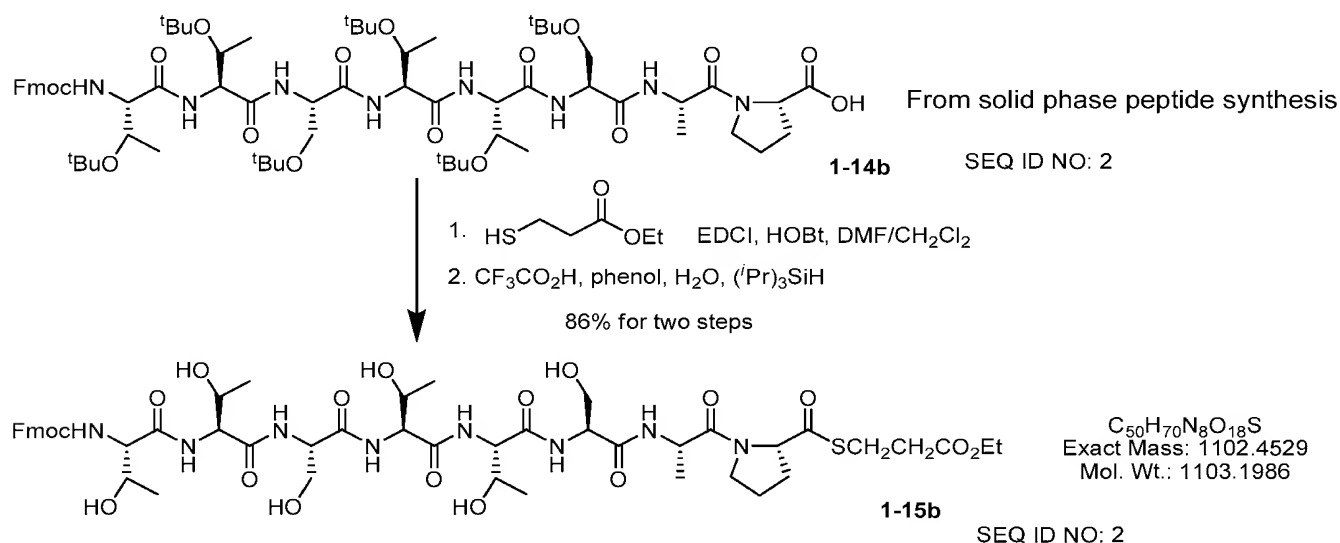
[0275] Gb₃ glycosylamino acid **1-12**: To peracetate of globo-H pentenyl glycoside **1-7a** (446 mg, 0.45 mmol), allylglycine benzylester (1.54 g, 3.6 mmol) and Hoveyda-Grubbs 1st generation catalyst **1-10** (67 mg, 0.11 mmol) was added degassed CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL), and then the mixture was heated at 37-38 °C with water cooling for 48 hours. The reaction mixture was purified on column chromatography (Hexanes/EtOAc = 3/1 to 1/1 to 1/2) to afford 560 mg slightly impure cross-linked product. To this cross-linked compound (560 mg) was added 5% platinum on carbon (156 mg) and EtOAc (6.0 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred under H₂ atmosphere until full disappearance of starting material. Concentration followed by purification by flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ to CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc = 1.5/1 to CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 30/1 with 0.2% HOAc) gave 384 mg desired Gb₃ glycosylamino acid **1-12** (66% over two steps). All data were consistent with our previously reported ¹H, ¹³C NMR, IR, and CIHRMS data of **1-12** (Wan, Q.; Cho, Y. S.; Lambert, T. H.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Carbohydr. Chem.* **2005**, 24, 425-440).



[0276] To a mixture of peptide **1-14a** (prepared by solid phase peptide synthesis, 500 mg, 0.36 mmol), EDCI (414 mg, 2.16 mmol), HOBt (292 mg, 2.16 mmol) in DMF/CH₂Cl₂ (2.0/2.0 mL) was added ethyl 3-mercaptopropionate (456 μL, 3.6 mmol), the reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight. Nitrogen flow was applied to remove all of the volatiles and the residue was purified on flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ to CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 40/1) to afford the desired thioester (504 mg, 93% yield). To this thioester (504 mg, 0.335 mmol) was added phenol (100 mg, 1.1 mmol), triisopropylsilane (251 μL, 1.23 mmol), water (335 μL, 18.6 mmol) and 5.0 mL trifluoroacetic acid, the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 3.5 hours before nitrogen flow was applied to remove all of the volatiles. Diethyl ether was added to the residue, the resulting

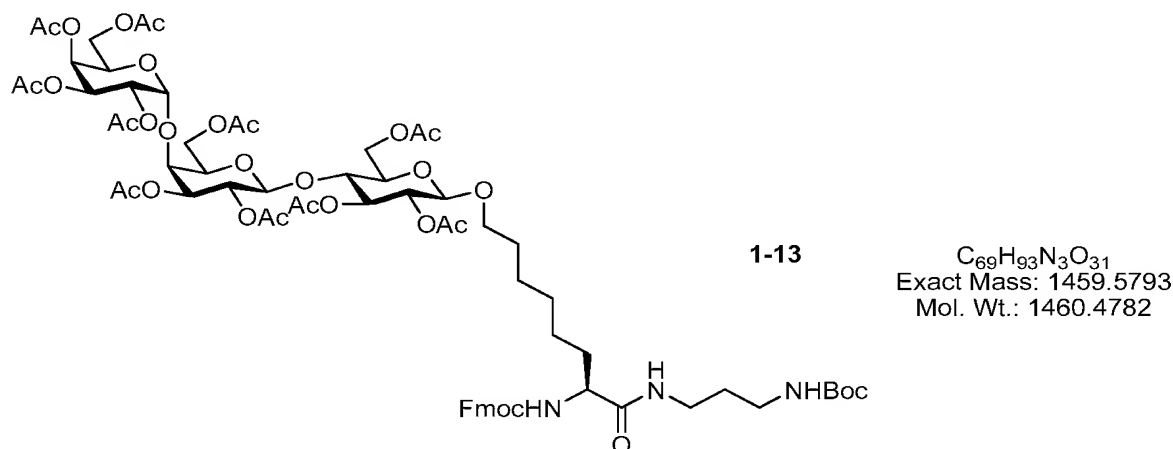
heterogeneous mixture was shaken for 5 minutes and the ether layer was removed by centrifugation. This process was repeated three times to ensure complete removal of the impurities. The desired salt **1-15a** (332 mg, quantitative yield) was obtained as white solid. ESI-MS m/z 881.6 $[M+H]^+$, 903.4 $[M+Na]^+$, 977.5 $[M+CF_3CO_2H-H_2O+H]^+$, 999.5 $[M+CF_3CO_2H-H_2O+Na]^+$, 1073.4 $[M+2CF_3CO_2H-2H_2O+H]^+$, 1095.6 $[M+2CF_3CO_2H-2H_2O+Na]^+$.

[0277] To salt **1-15a** (292 mg, 0.293 mmol), Gb₃ glycosylamino acid **1-12** (180 mg, 0.138 mmol), EDCI (69 mg, 0.360 mmol), HOBt (65 mg, 0.48 mmol) was added DMF (3.0 mL) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (48 μ L), the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 38 hours. Nitrogen flow was applied to remove all of the volatiles to afford crude **1-16** (ESI-MS m/z 2189.0 $[M+Na]^+$, 1106.1 $[M+2Na]^{2+}$). Compound **1-16** was next treated with Ac₂O (2.0 mL), pyridine (3.0 mL) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (10 mg). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight before nitrogen flow was applied to remove all of the volatiles. The residue was first purified on column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ to CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 10/1); then preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 15/1); and further by preparative HPLC (C18 column, 45-95% CH₃CN in H₂O, 16 mL/min, 30 min) to afford 234 mg desired product Gb₃-MUC5AC cassettes **1-17** (70% yield for two steps). ESI-MS m/z 2440.8 $[M+Na]^+$, 1232.2 $[M+2Na]^{2+}$.

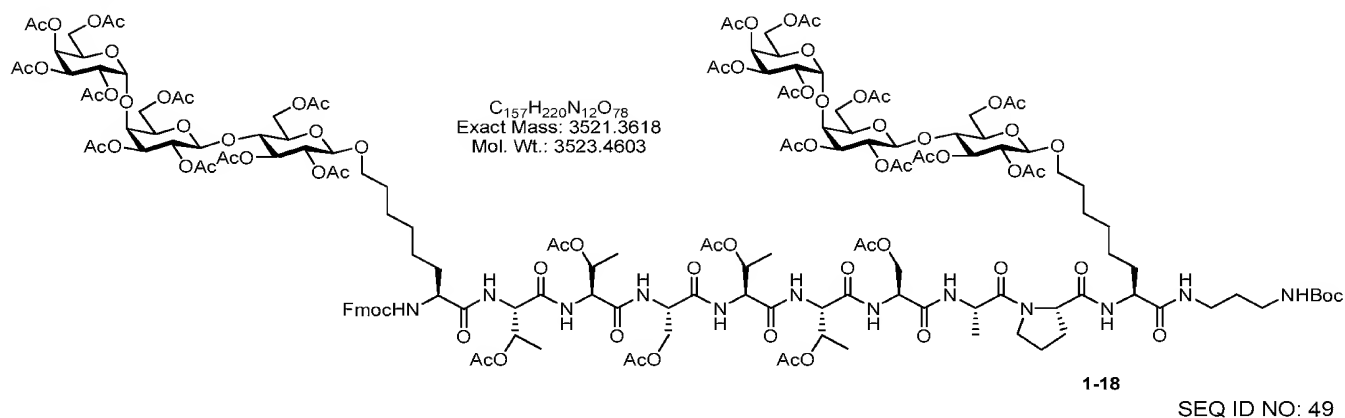


[0278] To a mixture of peptide **1-14b** (prepared by solid phase peptide synthesis, 264 mg, 0.2 mmol), EDCI (384 mg, 2.0 mmol), HOBt (270 mg, 2.0 mmol) in DMF/CH₂Cl₂ (1.5/1.5 mL) was added ethyl 3-mercaptopropionate (506 μ L, 4.0 mmol), the reaction was stirred at room temperature overnight. Nitrogen flow was applied to remove all of the volatiles and the residue was purified on flash column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂ to CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 25/1) to afford the desired thioester (280

mg, 97% yield). To this thioester (260 mg, 0.18 mmol) was added phenol (108 mg, 1.15 mmol), triisopropylsilane (300 μ L, 1.47 mmol), water (360 μ L, 20 mmol) and 5.4 mL trifluoroacetic acid, the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 3.5 hours before nitrogen flow was applied to remove all of the volatiles. The residue was purified on column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH} = 20/1$ to $15/1$ to $10/1$ to $6/1$) to yield 177 mg desired product **1-15b** (89% yield). ESI-MS m/z 1125.5 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$.



[0279] To an oven-dried 5 ml round-bottomed flask was added Gb₃-glycosylamino acid **1-12** (112 mg, 86 μ mol), 1-Hydroxybenzotriazole (17.5 mg, 129 μ mol), and *N*-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-*N'*-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDCI, 25 mg, 129 μ mol). Anhydrous DMF (0.6 mL) and 16.5 mg of *N*-Boc-1,3-propanediamine in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (0.6 mL) was then added. The mixture was stirred at RT under argon for 30 minutes. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, sequentially washed with 1 M citric acid, saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution, saturated aqueous NaCl solution. The organic layer was separated, dried over Na_2SO_4 anhydrous, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified on column chromatography (CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH = 15:1) to yield 119 mg desired product **1-13** (95% yield). ESI-MS m/z 1482.9 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$.



[0280] To construct **1-13** (67 mg, 46 μ mol) was added 1.0 mL DMF and 50 μ L diethylamine. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h before N_2 flow was applied to remove excess diethylamine and DMF. The residue was redissolved in CH_2Cl_2 , and then N_2 flow was applied again applied to remove all volatiles. This process was repeated three times and further dried under high vacuum overnight to make sure excess diethylamine was completely removed. To this residue was sequentially added Gb₃-MUC5AC thioester **1-17** (97 mg, 40 μ mol), AgCl (17.2 mg, 120 μ mol), HOObt (98 mg, 0.6 mmol), DMSO (2.0 mL) and *N, N*-diisopropylethylamine (70 μ L, 0.4 mmol), and then this reaction mixture was stirred under dark for 48 h. After N_2 flow was applied to remove DMSO and *N, N*-diisopropylethylamine, the residue was first purified on column chromatography (CH_2Cl_2 to $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH = 10/1$); then preparative TLC ($CH_2Cl_2/MeOH = 16/1$); and further by preparative HPLC (C18 column, 45-95% CH_3CN in H_2O , 16 mL/min, 30 min) to afford 98.5 mg desired product bis-Gb₃-mono-MUC5AC **1-18** (70% yield for two steps). ESI-MS m/z 1783.9 $[M+2Na]^{2+}$, 1197.3 $[M+3Na]^{3+}$.

[0281] To bis-Gb₃-mono-MUC5AC **1-18** (42.5 mg, 12 μ mol) was added 0.8 mL DMF and 40 μ L diethylamine. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h before N_2 flow was applied to remove excess diethylamine and DMF. The residue was redissolved in CH_2Cl_2 , and then N_2 flow was applied again to remove all volatiles. This process was repeated three times and further dried under high vacuum overnight to make sure excess diethylamine was completely removed. To this residue was sequentially added Gb₃-MUC5AC thioester **1-17** (32 mg, 13.2 μ mol), AgCl (5.7 mg, 40 μ mol), HOObt (31 mg, 192 μ mol), DMSO (0.8 mL) and *N, N*-diisopropylethylamine (23 μ L, 132 μ mol), and then this reaction mixture was stirred under dark for 36 h. After N_2 flow was applied to remove DMSO and *N, N*-diisopropylethylamine, the residue was purified on column chromatography ($CH_2Cl_2/MeOH = 30/1$ to $15/1$) and further by preparative HPLC (C18 column, 45-95% CH_3CN in

H₂O, 16 mL/min, 30 min) to afford 48.5 mg desired product tris-Gb₃-bis-MUC5AC **1-19** (72% yield for two steps). ESI-MS *m/z* 2814.4 [M+2Na]²⁺, 1884.5 [M+3Na]³⁺, 1418.9 [M+4Na]⁴⁺.

[0282] To tris-Gb₃-bis-MUC5AC **1-19** (36.0 mg, 6.44 μmol) was added 0.6 mL DMF and 30 μL diethylamine. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h before N₂ flow was applied to remove excess diethylamine and DMF. The residue was redissolved in CH₂Cl₂, and then N₂ flow was applied again applied to remove all volatiles. This process was repeated three times and further dried under high vacuum overnight to make sure excess diethylamine was completely removed. To this residue was sequentially added MUC5AC thioester **1-15b** (35.5 mg, 32.2 μmol), AgCl (13.8 mg, 96.6 μmol), HOObt (31.5 mg, 193 μmol), DMSO (1.5 mL) and *N, N*-diisopropylethylamine (22.5 μL, 129 μmol), and then this reaction mixture was stirred under dark for 48 h. After N₂ flow was applied to remove DMSO and *N, N*-diisopropylethylamine, the residue was purified on preparative TLC (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 9/1) afforded the desired product **1-20** which was directly used in the next step. ESI-MS *m/z* 2133.7 [M+3Na]³⁺, 1606.2 [M+4Na]⁴⁺, 1289.5 [M+5Na]⁵⁺.

[0283] To the above construct **1-20** was added 0.6 mL DMF and 30 μL diethylamine. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h before N₂ flow was applied to remove excess diethylamine and DMF. The residue was redissolved in CH₂Cl₂, and then N₂ flow was applied again applied to remove all volatiles. This process was repeated three times and further dried under high vacuum overnight to make sure excess diethylamine was completely removed. To this residue was added acetic anhydride (0.6 mL), pyridine (0.9 mL) and a small crystal of 4-dimethylaminopyridine, and then this reaction mixture was stirred overnight. N₂ flow was applied again applied to remove all volatiles and the residue was purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH = 30/1 to 10/1) to afford 25.4 mg desired tris-Gb₃-tris-MUC5AC **1-21** (62% over four steps). ESI-MS *m/z* 2156.7 [M+3Na]³⁺.

[0284] To peracetate **1-21** (6.0 mg, 0.94 μmol) was added degassed NH₂NH₂/MeOH (500 μL, 1/4, v/v) at room temperature under argon. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 36 hours before N₂ was applied to remove excess NH₂NH₂ and MeOH. The residue was dissolved in minimum amount of water and purified by bio-gel P4 column (water as eluant). All fractions containing the desired compound were combined and lyophilized to afford 3.7 mg pure construct **1-22** (90%). ESI-MS *m/z* 2215.5 [M+2Na]²⁺, 1484.9 [M+3Na]³⁺, 1119.2 [M+4Na]⁴⁺.

[0285] To peracetate **1-21** (33 mg, 5.15 μmol) in 1.2 mL dichloromethane was added 0.3 mL trifluoroacetic acid, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours before nitrogen

flow was applied to remove the volatiles. The residue was dried under high vacuum for 2 hours to afford corresponding crude amine salt. To this amine salt was added 0.8 mL pyridine and S-acetylthioglycolic acid pentafluorophenyl ester (SAMA-OPfp, 12.4 mg, 41 μ mol) at room temperature. After stirring for 24 hours, nitrogen flow was applied to remove the volatiles and residue was purified on silica column ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH} = 15:1$ to $10:1$) to afford 22 mg desired product **1-23** as white solid (66% for two steps). ESI-MS m/z 2162.2 $[\text{M}+3\text{Na}]^{3+}$.

[0286] To peracetate **1-23** (21.0 mg, 3.27 μ mol) was added degassed $\text{NH}_2\text{NH}_2/\text{MeOH}$ (5.0 mL, 1/4, v/v) at 0 °C under argon. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed and stirred at room temperature for 36 hours before being concentrated to remove excess NH_2NH_2 and MeOH. To the residue was added 1.0 mL degassed water and tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine (TCEP, 150 μ L, 0.5 M in neutral buffer) under argon pressure, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. This aqueous mixture was directly purified by bio-gel P4 column (*degassed water* as eluant). All fractions containing the desired compound were combined and lyophilized to afford 12.3 mg pure construct **1-1** (86%). ESI-MS m/z 1476.2 $[\text{M}+3\text{Na}]^{3+}$, 1112.9 $[\text{M}+4\text{Na}]^{4+}$.

Conjugation of Gb₃-MUC5AC vaccine construct to KLH:

[0287] Gb₃-MUC5AC glycopeptide **1-1** was covalently attached to KLH using the heterobifunctional crosslinker Sulfo-MBS (*m*-maleimidobenzoyl-*N*-hydroxysulfosuccinimide ester, Pierce Co., Rockford, IL) which couples the terminal free sulfhydryl functional to amino group on KLH as described earlier (Ragupathi, G.; Cappello, S.; Yi, S. S.; Spassova, M.; Bornmann, W.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Livingston, P. O. *Vaccine* **2002** *20*, 1030-1038; Ragupathi, G.; Coltart, D. M.; Williams, L. J.; Koide, F.; Kagan, E.; Allen, J.; Harris, C.; Glunz, P. W.; Livingston, P. O. Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **2002**, *99*, 13699-13704). First KLH (9.0 mg, Sigma, molecular weight 8.6×10^6) was treated with Sulfo-MBS (3.0 mg), then the unconjugated Sulfo-MBS was eliminated by passage over a G25 Sephadex column. Maleimide activated KLH is then added to the freshly de-protected Gb₃-MUC5AC glycopeptide **1-1** (3.8 mg). The mixture was incubated at room temperature for 3 h, following incubation, unreacted glycopeptide was removed using a 30,000 molecular cut-off Centriprep filter. Finally the Gb₃-MUC5AC-KLH conjugate was obtained in a 6.0 mL buffer solution. The Gb₃-MUC5AC concentration in Gb₃-MUC5AC-KLH conjugate was determined using ion exchange chromatography with pulsed amperometric detection by measuring carbohydrate content of Gb₃-MUC5AC and KLH by a dye binding method (BioRad,

Dye reagent). The epitope ratio of Gb₃-MUC5AC/KLH in the conjugate was 698/1 assuming a KLH molecular weight of 8.6 million.

Example 2

[0288] The present Example establishes that mucin-based glycopeptide constructs of the present disclosure give a positive immunogenic response as measured by IgG and IgM titer.

[0289] Gb₃ is expressed on the cancer cell surface as a glycolipid and as an O-linked glycoprotein. It is highly expressed in colon and ovarian cancer. It is believed that Gb₃ is be a good target for antibody mediated immunotherapy, including monoclonal antibodies and tumor vaccines. We have shown previously both in mice and in patients that conjugation of a variety of carbohydrate cancer antigens to keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH) and administration of this conjugate mixed with saponin adjuvants QS-21 or GPI-0100 are the most effective methods for induction of antibodies against carbohydrate cancer antigens (Ragupathi, G. *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2006**, 128, 2715-2725; Ragupathi, G. *et al.*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, **1997**, 36, 125-128). The preceding example demonstrated the total synthesis of Gb₃ glycoside with MUC5AC and its conjugation to KLH to construct a Gb₃-MUC5AC-KLH conjugate (compounds **1-1** and **1-24**, respectively). The present example confirms that glycopeptide constructs comprising a mucin-based peptide epitope and a carbohydrate epitope are useful in obtaining an immunogenic response. These data demonstrate the utility of such constructs as vaccines.

[0290] Groups of five mice were vaccinated subcutaneously with Gb₃-MUC5AC or Gb₃-MUC5AC-KLH conjugate plus adjuvant with appropriate controls. Sera were tested against Gb₃-ceramide by ELISA. The mice immunized with unconjugated Gb₃-ceramide plus an adjuvant such as QS-21 or unconjugated Gb₃-MUC5AC alone plus an adjuvant such as QS-21 failed to produce antibodies against Gb₃. However mice immunized with Gb₃-MUC5AC-KLH conjugate at various dose (1μg, 5μg and 10μg) plus an adjuvant such as QS-21 induced significantly higher titer IgG and IgM antibodies against Gb₃ by ELISA. Our preliminary evaluation showed that these antibodies did not cross react with a structurally similar antigen Globo H. Further evaluation of these antibodies on Gb₃ positive cell-lines by FACS and testing for complement mediated cytotoxicity are expected to yield favorable results.

[0291] Vaccination of mice. Groups of five mice (C57BL/6J, female, 6-8 weeks old) were vaccinated three times with GB3-ceramide conjugate (5 µg equivalent of GB3), MUC5Ac peptide (5 µg equivalent of MUC5Ac), GB3-MUC5Ac-SH conjugate (5 µg equivalent of GB3-MUC5Ac), GB3-MUC5Ac-KLH conjugate (1, 5 and 10 µg equivalent of GB3-MUC5Ac), Globo H-KLH conjugate (5 µg equivalent of GloboH) and KLH protein alone (5 µg equivalent of KLH) in 100 µL phosphate buffered saline (PBS) either with an adjuvant (20 µg) or without adjuvant. Vaccines were administered subcutaneously to each mouse on weeks 1, 2, 3, and 7. Mice were bled 7 days after the third vaccination and forth vaccination.

[0292] Measurement of immunological response. The presence of antibodies was tested by an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). ELISAs were performed to determine antibody response against GB3, Globo H and KLH. The ELISA plates were coated with either GB3 antigen or Globo H at 0.2 µg/well and 0.1 µg/well respectively in ethanol or KLH at 0.1 µg/well in carbonate buffer (pH 10). The GB3-coated and Globo H coated plates were kept overnight at room temperature to evaporate ethanol, and KLH coated plates were incubated at 4 °C overnight. ELISA plates were washed, blocked with 1% human serum albumin (HSA) in phosphate-buffered saline containing 0.05% Tween 20. Serially diluted pre- and post-vaccination sera in PBS with 1% HSA were added to wells of the coated plate with appropriate controls and incubated for 1 h at room temperature. After wash, goat anti-mouse IgM or IgG conjugated with alkaline phosphatase (Southern Biotechnology Associates, Inc., Birmingham, AL) was added to each well. Absorbance was measured at 405 nm. The titer was defined as the highest serum dilution that showed an absorbance of 0.1 or greater over that of the pre-sera (see Figures 76-79).

Example 3

Synthesis of Fucosyl-GM1 glycopeptide conjugate

[0293] This Example demonstrates the synthesis of a multi-antigenic glycopeptide comprising a MHC-II binding peptide.

[0294] The construction of the vaccine began from the known Fuc-GM1 hexasaccharide **3-2**, obtained through a previously disclosed sequence. After deprotection of the triisopropylsilyl groups with TBAF/acetic acid, and subsequent cleavage of acetates, carbonate and sialic acid methyl ester, the resultant product was debenzylated under Birch conditions (Wang, Z.-G.; Warren, J. D.; Dudkin, V. Y.; Zhang, X.; Iserloh, U.; Visser, M.; Eckhardt, M.; Seeberger, P. H.; Danishefsky, S. J.

Tetrahedron **2006**, 62, 4954-4978). The obtained acid **3-3**, was exhaustively peracetylated to provide a corresponding lactone that was subsequently opened with methanol and DMAP. Acylation afforded **3-4** (56%, 7 steps). Glycoside **3-4** was treated with Fmoc-L-allylglycine benzyl ester (**3-A**) and Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst (**3-B**) under the previously developed conditions and the resultant olefin cross-metathesis product was subjected to catalytic hydrogenation (Biswas, K.; Coltart, D. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2002**, 43, 6107-6110). The side-chain olefinic linkage was reduced with concomitant selective removal of the benzyl protecting group in the presence of Fmoc-protected amine to afford the cassette **3-5** (49%, 2 steps) ready for coupling (Figure 12).

[0295] The synthesis of peptide **3-7** was accomplished by standard Fmoc solid phase peptide synthesis (SPPS), starting from the protected tyrosine, **3-6**, preloaded on TGT-Nova Syn resin. Peptide **3-7** was obtained in 95% yield after cleavage from the resin, in more than 95% purity, as judged by LC/MS and ¹H NMR analysis. The elaboration of **3-7** to peptide **3-8** was executed by first conjugating **3-7** to the linker **C** (Pittelkow, M.; Lewinsky, R.; Christensen, J. B. *Synthesis*, **2000**, 15, 2195-2202) using the standard EDCI/HOBt protocol. The Fmoc protecting group was next removed by treatment with piperidine, providing fragment **3-8** in 71% yield (2 steps). The attachment of **3-8** to carbohydrate epitope **3-5** proceeded in 81% yield, thereby providing glycopeptide **3-9** (see Figure 13).

[0296] Compound **3-9** was treated sequentially with piperidine/DMF and Ac₂O/Py. The allylcarboxy protecting group was exchanged to the acetate-protected 2-sulphydrylacetate linker by reduction with Pd(PPh₃)₄/PhSiH₃ followed by acylation with SAMA-OPbf. Finally, three *tert*-butyl and one *tert*-butylcarboxy groups were removed by treating **3-10** with TFA/PhOH/H₂O/TIPS providing the corresponding deprotected product in 71% yield (5 steps) from **3-9** following purification by HPLC. This compound was treated with a degassed solution of NaOH in MeOH/H₂O (pH = 10.5), providing the desired deprotected product **3-11** in 19% yield following HPLC purification (Glunz, P. W.; Hintermann, S.; Williams, L. J.; Schwarz, J. B.; Kuduk, S. D.; Kudryashov, V.; Lloyd, K. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 7273-7279). Minor amounts of a dehydration side product (ca. 5% yield after HPLC) were also isolated.

[0297] Next, the conjugation of construct **3-11** to maleimide activated KLH **3-12** was examined (Figure 14). Thus, **3-11** was pretreated with TCEP gel for 2 h and then treated with freshly prepared **3-12** at pH = 7.2. The efficiency of the coupling was estimated by a combination of Bradford protein assay (Bradford, M. *Anal. Biochem.* **1976**, 72, 248-254) and neuraminic acid

determination according to Svennerholm (Svennerholm, L. *Biochim. Biophys. Acta* **1957**, 24, 604-611) to be 210 epitopes per molecule of KLH (MW = 8 MDa).

Experimental:

[0298] All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of dried nitrogen in flame-dried or oven-dried glassware with magnetic stirring, unless otherwise noted. Air-sensitive reagents and solutions were transferred via syringe or cannula and were introduced to the apparatus through rubber septa. Reactions were cooled via external cooling baths: ice water (0 °C), dry ice-acetone (–78 °C), ice-acetone (–10 °C), or immersion cooler (–20 to –80 °C). Heating was accomplished by heating mantle or silicon oil bath using a temperature controller. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light and exposure to aqueous ceric ammonium molybdate (CAM) solution or anisaldehyde followed by heating. Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 (230-240 mesh). Solvents for extraction and chromatography were HPLC grade.

[0299] When necessary, solvents and reagents were dried prior to use. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂), toluene, diethyl ether (Et₂O) and benzene were filtered through a column of activated alumina under an argon atmosphere. Pyridine, *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine, and triethylamine were distilled from calcium hydride. DBU (Diazabicycloundecene) and piperidine were purchased and used without further purification. HATU (*O*-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate) was purchased and used without further purification.

[0300] Analytical Equipment: ¹H- and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 500 MHz or 600 MHz spectrometer in CDCl₃, DMF-d₇, CD₃OD or D₂O. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ 7.26; DMF-d₇: δ 8.03; 2.92, 2.75; CD₃OD: δ 4.78, 3.34; D₂O: δ 4.65). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift (δ), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), integration, and assignment. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent as the internal standard (CDCl₃: δ 77.0). HPLC purifications were run with TFA (trifluoroacetic acid)-buffered eluents: A = 0.05 % v/v TFA/Water, B = 0.04 % TFA/Acetonitrile using HPLC grade solvents.

[0301] Synthesis of acetylated glycoside 3-4 (steps (a)-(c), Figure 12) To a solution of the hexasaccharide **3-2** (335 mg, 0.131 mmol) in THF (6.0 mL) was added glacial AcOH (0.12 mL) and TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 1.31 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 days, poured into ice-water (25 mL), and extracted with EtOAc. The organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The resulting triol was dissolved in anhydrous MeOH (6 mL) and sodium methoxide was added (25% solution in MeOH, 0.6 mL). The contents were stirred at rt for 3 days, and then water (6.0 mL) and THF (6.0 mL) were added. Stirring at rt for an additional 2 days was followed by neutralization with Dowex-H⁺, filtration with MeOH washing, and concentration. The crude material was allowed to dry under high vacuum for 1 day.

[0302] Synthesis of acetylated glycoside 3-4 (steps (d)-(g), Figures 12, 43, 44) To a blue solution of sodium (160 mg) in liquid NH₃ (50 mL) was added a solution of the white solid from above in THF (5.0 mL), and the resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of anhydrous MeOH (20 mL), warmed to rt, and concentrated with a stream of dry argon. The residue was diluted with MeOH (70 mL) and treated with Dowex 50wX8-400 until pH was nearly 5-6. The mixture was filtered and concentrated to provide a solid. This solid was dissolved in a mixture of pyridine (12.0 mL) and Ac₂O (6.0 mL) at rt. To the solution of tetrasaccharide was added DMAP (10 mg) and the mixture was stirred for an additional 2 days. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and treated with MeOH (24 mL). To this solution was added DMAP (15 mg) and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for an additional 4 days. The reaction mixture was then concentrated and co-evaporated with toluene (4 × 100 mL). The residue was dissolved in pyridine (5.0 mL) and Ac₂O (1.0 mL) at rt. The mixture was stirred for 1 day and then concentrated. The resultant oil was dissolved in MeOAc (10.0 mL) and MeI (0.2 mL). To the solution cesium carbonate (33 mg) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 1 h, and then diluted with methyl acetate (250 mL). The organic phase was washed with brine/NH₄Cl_(sat.) (1:1, 100 mL), NaHCO_{3(sat.)} (100 mL), brine (100 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Concentration followed by flash chromatography (silica, 5% methanol/dichloromethane) provided the acetylated glycoside **3-4** (142 mg, 56% from **3-2**). $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -40.4$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); IR (film CHCl₃) 2969, 1746, 1689, 1530, 1371, 1231, 1131, 1058 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz) δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.76-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.61-5.58 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.34-5.30 (m, 4H), 5.21-5.10 (m, 5H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97-4.89 (m, 4H), 4.82 (t, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.49-4.45 (m, 1H), 4.39-4.33 (m, 3H), 4.21-4.17 (m, 2H), 4.14-4.02 (m, 6H), 4.00-3.89 (m, 3H), 3.85-3.70 (m, 9H), 3.58-3.56 (m, 2H), 3.45-3.40 (m, 2H), 3.01 (dt, *J* = 12.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s,

3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.03-1.97 (m, 33H), 1.95 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.70 (t, $J = 12.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.22-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.11 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ 173.6, 171.0, 170.9, 170.9, 170.4, 170.4, 170.4, 170.3, 170.3, 170.3, 170.3, 170.3, 170.2, 170.2, 170.0, 169.7, 169.6, 169.5, 169.4, 169.2, 168.2, 137.7, 114.9, 102.0, 100.4, 98.7, 97.3, 94.4, 75.6, 73.7, 73.5, 73.3, 73.2, 72.8, 72.5, 72.0, 71.8, 71.7, 71.3, 70.9, 70.3, 70.2, 69.8, 69.4, 69.2, 69.1, 68.7, 68.1, 67.7, 67.4, 67.2, 67.0, 65.0, 63.3, 62.4, 62.4, 62.4, 60.6, 60.3, 55.5, 53.7, 52.5, 49.3, 37.1, 31.6, 29.7, 29.2, 28.5, 23.5, 23.0, 21.3, 20.9, 20.8, 20.7, 20.7, 20.7, 20.7, 20.6, 20.6, 20.5, 20.4, 20.4, 15.9, 14.1; ESI/MS: Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{83}\text{H}_{116}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{50}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: 1963.7; $[\text{M}+\text{Cl}]^-$: 1975.6. Found: 1963.9, 1977.0.

[0303] Synthesis of amino acid 3-5 (step (h)). The first generation Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst (**3-B**, 9.6 mg, 0.016 mmol) was added to a solution of acetylated glycoside **3-4** (124 mg, 0.064 mmol) and allylglycine **3-A** (273 mg, 0.640 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h and exposed to air for 3 h. The mixture was concentrated and the resultant residue was purified by flash chromatography (100% ethyl acetate) to provide the coupled product.

[0304] Synthesis of amino acid 3-5 (step (i), Figures 12, 45, 46). Pt/C (10% w/w, 15 mg) was added to a solution of the metathesis adduct from above in MeOH (3 mL) and H_2O (0.2 mL) and the hydrogen atmosphere was established. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 days at rt, filtered through a short pad of silicagel, and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (10% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2) to give the amino acid **3-5** (70 mg, 49% over two steps). $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -30.2^\circ$ (c 1.00, CHCl_3); IR (film CHCl_3) 3470, 2928, 2854, 1746, 1429, 1370, 1232, 1057 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz) δ 8.16 (d, 1H, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 7.79 (d, 2H, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.67-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.30 (br.s, 2H), 5.62-5.60 (m, 1H), 5.48-5.47 (m, 2H), 5.39 (d, 1H, $J = 10$ Hz), 5.25-5.23 (m, 3H), 5.14-5.05 (m, 3H), 4.98-4.78 (m, 6H), 4.68 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 4.64 (d, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 4.54-4.53 (m, 2H), 4.47 (d, 1H, $J = 11.2$ Hz), 4.40-4.32 (m, 3H), 4.29-4.10 (m, 7H), 4.07-3.76 (m, 15H), 3.72-3.65 (m, 3H), 3.57 (s, 1H), 3.48-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.17 (m, 1H), 2.86 (dd, 1H, $J = 3.9$ and 12.5 Hz), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 6H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 6H), 2.03 (s, 6H), 2.02 (s, 6H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.98 (s, 6H), 1.95 (s, 6H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.61 (t, 2H, 12.5 Hz), 1.52 (br.s, 2H), 1.37-1.25 (m, 7H), 1.18 (d, 3H, $J = 6.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz) δ 180.2, 175.4, 173.6, 172.4, 172.4, 172.4, 172.3, 172.2, 172.2, 172.1, 171.8, 171.7, 171.7, 171.5, 171.4, 171.1, 169.7, 158.2, 145.5, 145.4, 142.6, 128.8, 128.2, 126.3, 126.3, 121.0, 102.6, 102.3, 101.7, 101.1, 98.7, 97.3, 77.6, 75.2, 75.0, 74.8, 74.4, 74.3, 74.2, 73.8, 73.3, 73.2, 73.0, 72.7, 72.4, 72.2, 71.9, 71.3, 71.0, 70.6, 69.7, 69.2, 68.9, 68.4, 67.7, 66.2, 65.0, 63.8,

63.6, 63.5, 62.6, 57.6, 55.8, 53.8, 50.0, 49.6, 48.6, 38.7, 34.1, 30.6, 30.2, 27.0, 26.8, 24.2, 22.8, 21.7, 21.7, 21.3, 21.0, 21.0, 20.9, 20.9, 20.8, 20.8, 20.8, 20.7, 20.6, 20.6, 20.6, 16.3; ESI/MS: Exact mass calcd for $C_{101}H_{133}N_3O_{54}$ $[M+Na]^+$: 2275.8; $[M+2Na]^{2+}$: 1149.4. Found: 2275.5, 1149.3.

[0305] Synthesis of peptide 3-7 (step (a), Figures 13, 47-49). NovaSyn TGT resin (purchased from NovaBiochem) was chlorinated, then esterified with Fmoc-Tyr(tBu)-OH for 3 hours, and then immediately Fmoc-deprotected according to the literature procedure. 0.21 g (ca. 0.05 mmol) of this resin was subjected to continuous flow automated peptide synthesis. For coupling steps, resin was treated with a 4-fold excess of HATU and Fmoc amino acids in 1 M DIEA/DMF, and for deblocking, a solution of 2% piperidine / 2% DBU in DMF was used. The amino acids used were, in order of synthesis: Fmoc-Pro-OH, Fmoc-Thr(tBu)-OH, Fmoc-Ala-OH, Fmoc-Ala-OH, Fmoc-Gly-OH, Fmoc-Pro-OH, Fmoc-Val-OH, Fmoc-Val-OH, Fmoc-Phe-OH, Fmoc-Lys(Boc)-OH, Fmoc-Tyr(tBu)-OH, Fmoc-Ala-OH, Fmoc-Leu-OH, Fmoc-Gly-OH. The resin was then transferred to a manual peptide synthesis vessel and treated with a cleavage solution of 5 mL of 1:1:8 trifluoroethanol/acetic acid/dichloromethane for 1.5 h. The beads were filtered, rinsed with another 10 mL of cleavage solution, filtered again, and then treated for another 1 h with 10 mL of the cleavage solution. This process was repeated for a total of three 2-hour cleavage cycles, and the combined organic phase was concentrated in vacuo to afford 97 mg of peptide after cleavage (ca. 95% yield). This material was found to be >95% pure as judged by reverse-phase LC/ESI (Microsorb C4 column) MS and 1H NMR analysis: 1H -NMR (500MHz, DMF- d_7) (Due to the high degree of the NH exchange, the presence of the multiple peptide rotomers in the solution as well as the high overlap, there is an ambiguity associated in the tabulation and interpretation of the 1H NMR data. Please refer to the Figures for additional details) δ 8.44 (t, J = 5.5Hz, NH), 8.34 (br, NH), 8.27 (br, NH), 8.13 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, NH), 8.00 (m, NH), 7.94 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, NH), 7.86 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, NH), 7.79 (br, NH), 7.73 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H, NH), 7.62 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, NH), 7.60 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, NH), 7.55 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, NH), 7.45 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.17 (m, 5H), 6.93 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (m, NH), 5.12 (t, J = 4.7 Hz, NH), 4.71-4.67 (m, 2H), 4.66-4.59 (m, 1H), 4.54-4.47 (m, 3H), 4.46-4.41 (m, 2H), 4.41-4.37 (m, 2H), 4.30 (m, 2H), 4.29-4.23 (m, 2H), 4.00-3.85 (m, 4H), 3.77 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (m, 2H), 3.52 (br t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (q, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19-3.08 (m, 3H), 3.08-2.96 (m, 3H), 2.96 (s, 2H), 2.79 (s, 2H), 2.18-2.05 (m, 4H), 2.02-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.83 (m, 3H), 1.77-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.42-1.33 (m, 6H), 1.31 (s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.26 (s, 9H), 1.3-1.23 (m, 2H), 1.23 (s, 6H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H),

0.97 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 6H), 0.90 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 6H); LC/MS (ESI): $R_f = 16.6$ min (C4 Microsorb column, 50-95% MeCN in H₂O, 30 min); Exact mass calcd for C₁₀₈H₁₅₄N₁₆O₂₃ [M+H]⁺: 2045.2; [M+Na]⁺: 2067.1; [M+2H]²⁺: 1023.1. Found: 2044.7, 2066.6, 1022.9.

[0306] Synthesis of compound 3-8a (step (b), Figures 50-52). To compound **3-7** (30 mg, 0.0147 mmol), linker **3-C** (5.6 mg, 0.0352 mmol), HOObt (5.7 mg, 0.0352 mmol) in 1:3 trifluoroethanol/CHCl₃, EDC (6.2 mL, 0.0352 μ mol) was added. After 2 h, LC/MS indicated completion of the reaction. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash chromatography (silica, 2% \rightarrow 10% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂) and the appropriate fractions were concentrated (R_f 0.5, 10% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂) to afford 30 mg of product in 94% yield. This material was found to be >95% pure as judged by reverse-phase LC/ESI (Microsorb C4 column). MS: Exact mass calcd for C₁₁₅H₁₆₆N₁₈O₂₄ [M+H]⁺: 2185.2; [M+Na]⁺: 2207.2; [M+2H]²⁺: 1093.1. Found: 2184.8, 2206.8, 1093.2.

[0307] Synthesis of compound 3-8 (step (c), Figures 13, 53, 54). The product from above (26.8 mg, 0.0123 mmol) was dissolved in 1.0 mL of DMF, and to this solution piperidine (0.25 mL) was added. After 1 h, LC/MS analysis indicated the completion of the reaction. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified via flash chromatography (silica, 10% \rightarrow 12% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂) and the appropriate fractions were concentrated (R_f 0.15, 10% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂) to afford 18 mg of product **3-8** in 75% yield. This material was found to be >95% pure as judged by reverse-phase LC/ESI analysis: $R_f = 15.7$ (C4 Microsorb column, 40-85% MeCN in H₂O, 30 min); Exact mass calcd for C₁₀₀H₁₅₆N₁₈O₂₂ [M+H]⁺: 1963.2; [M+Na]⁺: 1985.2; [M+2H]²⁺: 982.1. Found: 1962.9, 1984.9, 982.1.

[0308] Synthesis of compound 3-9 (step (d), Figures 13, 55-57). Amine **3-8** (9.5 mg, 0.048 mmol) was combined with acid **3-5** (6.6 mg, 0.029 mmol), EDCI (1.8 mg, 0.093 mmol), and HOBT (1.3 mg, 0.0093 mmol) and this mixture was dissolved in 0.30 mL of 1:1 DMF/ CH₂Cl₂. After 3 h of stirring under argon, the solvents were removed under high vacuum, and the resultant oil was purified via flash chromatography (silica, 5% \rightarrow 10% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂) and the appropriate fractions concentrated (R_f 0.5, 10% MeOH/ CH₂Cl₂) to afford 10 mg of product **3-9** in 81% yield. This material was found to be >90% pure as judged by reverse-phase LC/ESI MS (Microsorb C4 column) and ¹H NMR analysis: ¹H-NMR (500MHz, CD₃OD) (Due to the high degree of the NH exchange, the presence of the multiple peptide rotomers in the solution as well as the high overlap,

there is an ambiguity associated in the tabulation and interpretation of the ^1H NMR data. Please refer to the ^1H NMR spectrum in the Figures for additional details.) Selected peaks: δ 8.12 (d, 1H), 7.95 (m, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.74 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.66 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.45 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.33 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dt, $J = 7.3, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 1H), 7.14 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz, 4H), 6.97 (m, NH), 6.93 (m, NH), 6.85 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 5.85 (ddd, $J = 16.2, 10.5, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.55 (dt, $J = 9.5, 4.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.42 (dd, $J = 9.5, 2.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.32 (dd, $J = 9.6, 2.1$ Hz, 1H), 5.19 (m, 4H), 5.07 (m, 4H), 4.97 (m, 2H), 4.75 (m, 1H), 4.60 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 4.49 (dt, $J = 16.3, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.37 (m, 8H), 4.33-4.24 (m, 8H), 4.20-4.08 (m, 7H), 4.06 (dd, $J = 11.2, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.05 (dt, $J = 9.1, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.95 (m, 2H), 3.94-3.81 (m, 8H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.80 (m, 3H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.64 (m, 3H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 1H), 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.15 (dd, $J = 13.3, 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.12 (m, 1H), 3.11-3.03 (m, 4H), 2.97 (t, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.93-2.83 (m, 4H), 2.80 (dd, $J = 12.7, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.13 (m, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 9H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.97 (s, 6H), 1.96 (s, 6H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 2.13-1.77 (m, 13H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.58-1.48 (m, 12H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.34-1.24 (m, 8H), 1.23 (s, 18H), 1.21 (s, 9H), 1.15 (s, 6H), 1.15-1.09 (m, 6H), 1.05 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 6H), 0.87 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 6H), 0.85 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.75 (m, 3H): $R_f = 22.5$ (C4 Microsorb column, 50-95% MeCN in H_2O , 30 min); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{201}\text{H}_{287}\text{N}_{21}\text{O}_{75}$ $[\text{M}+2\text{H}]^{2+}$: 2099.5, $[\text{M}+2\text{Na}]^{2+}$: 2121.5, $[\text{M}+3\text{H}]^{3+}$: 1400.0. Found: 2099.4, 2121.6, 1400.2.

[0309] Synthesis of compound 3-10 (step (a)). Compound **3-9** (10.5 mg, 0.00250 mmol) was dissolved in 1.0 mL of DMF, and piperidine (0.25 mL) was added. After 1 h, LC/MS analysis indicated the completion of the reaction: $R_f = 15.3$ (C4 Microsorb column, 50-95% MeCN in H_2O , 30 min); Exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{186}\text{H}_{277}\text{N}_{21}\text{O}_{71}$ $[\text{M}+2\text{H}]^{2+}$: 1988.4; $[\text{M}+\text{Na}+\text{H}]^{2+}$: 1999.4; $[\text{M}+2\text{Na}]^{2+}$: 2010.4, $[\text{M}+3\text{Na}]^{3+}$: 1326.0. Found: 1988.4, 1999.37, 2010.45, 1326.1.

[0310] Synthesis of compound 3-10b (step (b), Figures 58-60). The mixture from above was concentrated under reduced pressure, re-dissolved in pyridine (1.0 mL) and treated with acetic anhydride (0.5 mL). After 4 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified via flash chromatography (silica, 10% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2) and the appropriate fractions were concentrated (R_f 0.2, 10% MeOH/ CH_2Cl_2) to afford 10 mg (quantitative yield) of product **3-9a**. This material was found to be >85% pure as judged by reverse-phase LC/ESI analysis: $R_f = 17.8$ (C4 Microsorb

column, 50-95% MeCN in H₂O, 30 min); Exact mass calcd for C₁₈₈H₂₇₉N₂₁O₇₄ [M+2H]²⁺: 2009.5; [M+2Na]²⁺: 2031.4; [M+3H]³⁺: 1340.0. Found: 2009.4, 2032.0, 1340.0.

[0311] Synthesis of compound 3-10 (step (c)). A solution of Pd(PPh₃)₄ (14 mg, 0.0125 mmol) and phenylsilane (46 µL, 0.373 mmol) in 3.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was prepared, and 0.35 mL of this solution was added to the solution of compound **3-9a** (10 mg, 0.00249 mmol) in DMF (0.35 mL). After 30 min, LC/MS analysis indicated the completion of the reaction. Pyridine (0.1 mL) was added, and the resultant mixture was concentrated under vacuum to provide crude product: R_f = 16.4 (C4 Microsorb column, 50-95% MeCN in H₂O, 30 min); Exact mass calcd for C₁₈₄H₂₇₅N₂₁O₇₂ [M+2H]²⁺: 1966.9; [M+Na+H]²⁺: 1977.9; [M+2Na]²⁺: 1988.9, [M+3Na]³⁺: 1311.6. Found: 1967.5, 1978.6, 1989.7, 1312.6.

[0312] Synthesis of compound 3-10 (step (d), Figures 14, 61, 62). The residue was re-dissolved in pyridine (0.35 mL) and triethylamine (0.15 mL), and SAMAOPbf (11.2 mg, 0.0373 mmol) was added to this solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (silica, 5% → 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) and the appropriate fractions were concentrated (R_f 0.3, 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to afford product **3-10** contaminated with SAMAOPbf decomposition products (70% purity as judged by LC/MS): R_f = 16.5 (C4 Microsorb column, 50-95% MeCN in H₂O, 30 min); Exact mass calcd for C₁₈₈H₂₇₉N₂₁O₇₄S [M+2Na]²⁺: 2026.4; [M+3Na]³⁺: 1351.3. Found: 2026.0, 1350.8. This product was advanced to the next step without further purification.

[0313] Synthesis of compound 3-11a (step (e), Figures 63-65). Phenol (60 mg), triisopropylsilane (0.15 mL), and water (0.2 mL) were added to trifluoroacetic acid (3.0 mL). The resultant solution (1.0 mL) was added to a vial with compound **3-10** from above (*ca.* 10 mg, 0.00249 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 40 min before being diluted with dichloromethane (3 mL), concentrated, and purified by reverse-phase HPLC: R_f = 18.7 (Microsorb C4 column, 35-75% MeCN in H₂O, 30 min) to afford pure product (6.7 mg, 71% yield from **3-9**). The product was >95% pure as judged by LC/MS: Exact mass calcd for C₁₇₁H₂₄₇N₂₁O₇₂S [M+2H]²⁺: 1891.3; [M+3H]³⁺: 1261.2. Found: 1891.4, 1261.5.

[0314] Synthesis of compound 3-11 (step (f), Figures 66-68). The product from above was re-dissolved in degassed 1:1 MeOH/water (10 mL), and degassed 0.03 M NaOH (0.75 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 40 h before being neutralized with MAC-3 Dowex resin to pH = 5, filtered and purified by HPLC: R_f = 14.5 (Microsorb C18 column, 10-85% MeCN in

H₂O, 30 min) to afford **3-11** (1.0 mg, 19% yield from **3-11a**, 13% from **3-9**). The product was found to be >95% pure as judged by LC/MS and ¹H NMR: ¹H-NMR (500MHz, D₂O) (Due to the high degree of the NH exchange, the presence of the multiple peptide rotomers in the solution as well as the high overlap, there is an ambiguity associated in the tabulation and interpretation of the ¹H NMR data. Please refer to the attached ¹H NMR spectrum in the Figures for additional details.) δ 7.46 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 5.26 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.47 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 4.10 (at, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 4H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dt, *J* = 13.1, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.87 (t, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dd, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H). Exact mass calcd for sodium salt C₁₃₄H₂₀₈N₂₁NaO₅₄S [M+2H]²⁺: 1516.7; [M+3H]³⁺: 1011.5; [M+CF₃CO₂]²⁻: 1572.2. Found: 1517.7, 1012.3, 1572.9.

[0315] Preparation of conjugate 3-1 (step (g), Figure 14). Solution of sulfo-SMCC (10 mg/mL, 0.10 mL) in 0.1 M sodium phosphate, 0.9 M NaCl (pH = 7.2) was added to the reconstituted with water solution of KLH (Aldrich, H7017, 10 mg/mL, 1.0 mL). The resultant solution was stirred for 1 h and then purified over G-25 sephadex column using 0.1 M sodium phosphate, 0.9 M NaCl, 0.1 M EDTA, pH = 7.2 for elution. The fractions containing KLH were collected and combined giving the total volume of 3.0 mL. Compound **3-11** (2 mg, 0.665 μmol) in 0.2 mL of the pH = 7.2 buffer was treated with TCEP gel for 2 h, filtered, combined with the solution of KLH (0.6 mL), and reacted under argon for 2 h. The resultant solution was purified by repetitive centrifugation over molecular filter (30 kDa cut off) resulting in ca. 1 mL of the final solution of the vaccine construct. The degree of the epitope incorporation was estimated to be 210 epitopes per molecule of KLH using Bradford protein assay with KLH as a standard and Svennerholm sialic acid assay to determine the carbohydrate concentration.

Example 4

[0316] The unimolecular pentavalent carbohydrate domain (**4-5**) was prepared through the “cassette” approach, developed by our laboratory (Figure 15) (Allen, J. R.; Harris, C. R.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, *123*, 1890-1897; Biswas, K.; Coltart, D. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2002**, *43*, 6107-6110; Keding, S. J.; Endo, A.; Biswas, K.; Zatorski, A.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **2003**, *44*, 3413-3416; Keding, S. J.; Endo, A.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Tetrahedron* **2003**, *59*, 7023-7031; Cho, Y. S.; Wan, Q.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* **2005**, *13*, 5259-5266; Wan, Q.; Cho, Y. S.; Lambert, T. H. *J. Carbohydr. Chem.* **2005**, *24*, 425-440). Thus, the pre-assembled, protected glycosylamino acids were coupled via iterative Fmoc deprotection and coupling reactions, as described previously, leading to the fully glycosylated polypeptide backbone. Each deprotection and coupling step proceeded in >75% yield, and our coupling conditions allowed us to access **4-5** in 35% overall yield for eleven transformations.

[0317] We next turned to the preparation of the peptide domain (**4-8**) (Figure 16). In designing the unglycosylated MUC1 peptide, it was decided to position a glycine on the C-terminus, to avoid the possibility of α -epimerization during the subsequent coupling phase. We also elected to install a protected thiol functionality, to be utilized in the late-stage conjugation to KLH, at the N-terminus during the solid phase peptide synthesis. The fully protected unglycosylated MUC1 tandem repeat (**4-8**) was thus prepared by automated solid-phase peptide synthesis on a commercially available trityl resin (**4-6**) using Fmoc amino acid derivatives, according to standard procedures (Atherton E.; Sheppard, R. C. *Solid phase synthesis: A practical approach*, IRL Press, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1989). Cleavage from the resin using TFA/TFE furnished the desired MUC1 peptide (**4-8**) (LC/MS analysis showed (60-80% MeCN/H₂O, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 × 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed that the peptide (**4-8**) at 13.57 min and MS spectrum with base peaks of 1453.86 (M+2H⁺, [1452.76 calc])) as a carboxylic acid.

[0318] Having gained synthetic access to both the pentavalent carbohydrate domain (**4-5**) and the desired peptide (**4-8**), we now sought to merge the two domains, thus assembling the complete framework of the target vaccine. First, the C-terminal Boc group on the diaminopropyl spacer (**4-5**) was removed under acidic conditions (TFA/CH₂Cl₂). Next, the fully protected MUC1 peptide (**4-8**), activated with HATU/HOBT, was coupled to the carbohydrate domain (**4-5**) in the presence of DIEA, leading to the desired fully protected glycopeptide in 72% yield over 2 steps after

purification by preparative HPLC (Figures 17a-b). All acid-labile side chain protecting groups of the peptide were simultaneously removed by a cleavage cocktail (TFA/PhOH/H₂O/Et₃SiH). Finally, global deprotection of the *O*-acetyl and methyl groups with NaOH/MeOH afforded the desired unconjugated unimolecular pentavalent-MUC1 glycopeptide (**4-9**) (LC/MS analysis showed (1-10% MeCN/H₂O (5 min), 20-50% MeCN/H₂O (30 min), Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 × 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed that the glycopeptide (**4-9**) at 12.15 min and MS spectrum with base peaks of 1904.76 (M+3H⁺, [1903.84 calc])) in 60% over 2 steps after purification by preparative HPLC.

[0319] In summary, this Example demonstrates the synthesis of a pentavalent-MUC1 glycopeptide construct in a highly convergent and efficient way. Conjugation to KLH carrier protein and immunological testing of the resultant vaccine conjugate (**4-1**) will be carried out shortly using procedures described herein.

Experimental procedures:

I. Materials and Methods:

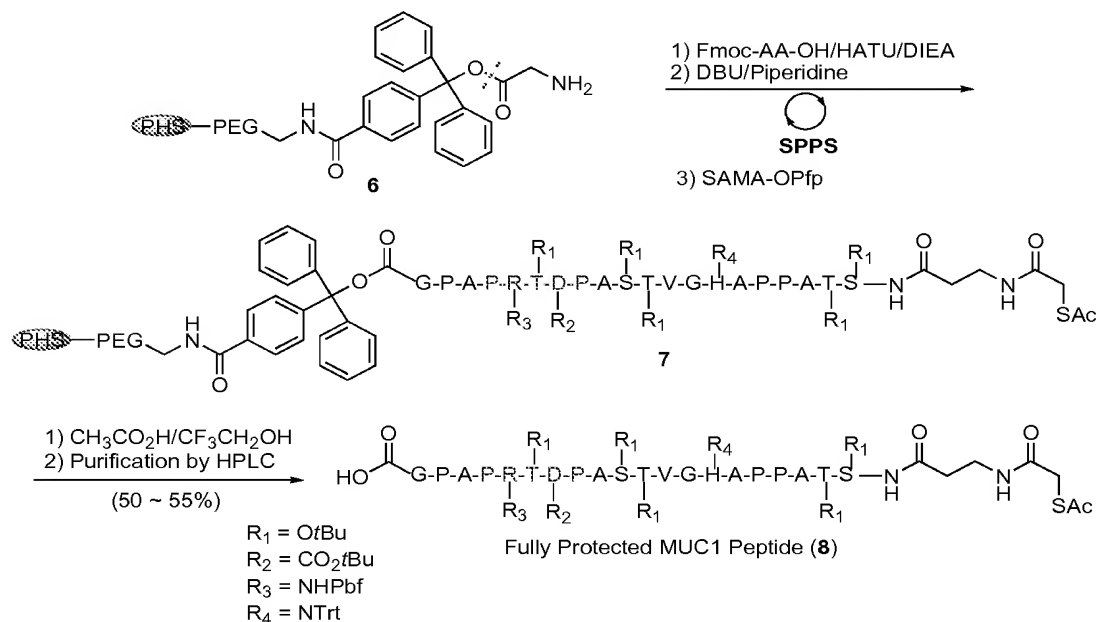
[0320] **Reagents:** All commercial materials were used as received unless otherwise noted. Trifluoroethanol (TFE), trifluoroacetic acid (TFA), acetic acid (CH₃CO₂H), *N,N*-diisopropylethyl amine (DIEA), diazabicycloundecene (DBU), piperidine, *N*-hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt), triethyl silane (Et₃SiH), phenol (PhOH), anhydrous methanol (MeOH), anhydrous methyl sulfoxide (DMSO), and anhydrous *N,N*-dimethyl formamide (DMF) were purchased from Aldrich. [*O*-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate] (HATU) was purchased from GenScript and used without further purification. All amino acids and resins for solid phase peptide synthesis were purchased from NovaBiochem; all other solvents from Fisher Scientific (HPLC grade).

[0321] **HPLC:** All separation involved a mobile phase of 0.05% TFA (v/v) in water (solvent A)/0.0425% TFA in acetonitrile (solvent B). Preparative and analytical HPLC separation were performed using a Rainin HXPL solvent delivery system equipped with a Rainin UV-1 detector and Microsorb Dynamax-100Å C18 axial compression columns. LC-MS chromatographic separations were performed using a Waters 2695 Separations Module and a Waters 996 Photodiode Array Detector equipped with Varian Microsorb C18 2 X 150 mm, and C4 2 X 250 mm columns at a flow rate of 0.2 mL/min.

[0322] ESMS and LC-MS: Electrospray mass spectroscopy and LCMS analyses were obtained on a Waters Micromass ZQ mass spectrometer in conjugation with the Waters HPLC apparatus described above.

II. Detailed Experimental Procedures

1. Preparation of the Peptide (4-8)



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[0323] The Fully Protected MUC1 Peptide (4-8): Fmoc-Gly-NovaSyn® TGT resin (purchased from NovaBiochem) was used. Fmoc quantitation of the resin prior to deprotection indicated a loading of 0.23 mmol/g. 217.4 mg of this resin (**4-6**) was subjected continuous flow automated peptide synthesis. For coupling steps, resin was treated with a 4-fold excess of HATU and Fmoc amino acids in DIEA/DMF, and for deblocking, a solution of 2% piperidine/2% DBU in DMF was used. The amino acids used were, in order of synthesis, Fmoc-Pro-OH, Fmoc-Ala-OH, Fmoc-Pro-OH, Fmoc-Arg(Pbf)-OH, Fmoc-Thr(O-*t*Bu)-OH, Fmoc-Asp(O-*t*Bu)-OH, Fmoc-Pro-OH, Fmoc-Ala-OH, Fmoc-Ser(O-*t*Bu)-OH, Fmoc-Thr(O-*t*Bu)-OH, Fmoc-Val-OH, Fmoc-Gly-OH, Fmoc-His(N-Trt)-OH, Fmoc-Ala-OH, Fmoc-Pro-OH, Fmoc-Pro-OH, Fmoc-Ala-OH, Fmoc-Thr(O-*t*Bu)-OH, Fmoc-Ser(O-*t*Bu)-OH, Fmoc-β-Ala-OH, SAMA-Opfp (*S*-acetylthioglycolic acid pentafluorophenyl ester). The resin was then transferred to a manual peptide synthesis vessel and treated with a cleavage solution (10 mL, CH₃CO₂H/TFE/CH₂Cl₂ = 1:1:8) for 1 hour. The beads were filtered, rinsed with another 10 mL cleavage solution. This 1-hour cleavage cycle process was

repeated for two times, and the combined filtrate was concentrated by nitrogen (N_2) flow and lyophilized to afford 73 mg (51%) as the crude peptide. This crude peptide (8.0 mg) was purified by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 60-80% B buffer over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 265 nm UV detection. The peak with retention time of 22.13 minutes was collected and lyophilized to afford 5.90 mg of **4-8** as a white solid (74% yield based on the loaded crude material). Post-purification analytical LC-MS analysis showed a clean product spectrum with a base peak of 2905.09 $[M+H]^+$ and 1453.41 $[M+2H]^+$.

[0324] The Fully Protected Unimolecular Pentavalent-MUC1 Glycopeptide: To a stirred solution of **4-5** (2.70 mg, 0.48 μ mol, 1 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (300 μ L) was added trifluoroacetic acid (TFA, 30 μ L) at room temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 3 hours. 3 μ L of aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken out and diluted with 30 μ L of CH_3CN for LC-MS analysis; C18 column, B: 50-70% over 30 minutes, retention time: 14.87 minutes, MS(ESI): $C_{239}H_{346}N_{14}O_{135}$, Calc. 5572.06, Observed 2788.94 $[M+2H]^{2+}$, 1859.80 $[M+3H]^{3+}$. The solvent was removed by nitrogen flow (N_2), and the crude material was used for the next step without further purification.

[0325] To a stirred solution of amine prepared above (theoretically 2.65 mg, 0.48 μ mol, 1 equiv) and peptide (**4-8**) (1.66 mg, 0.57 μ mol, 1.2 equiv) in DMSO (250 μ L), a solution of HATU (0.90 mg, 2.38 μ mol, 5 equiv) and HOBT (0.32 mg, 2.38 μ mol, 5 equiv) in DMSO, and DIEA (0.83 μ L, 4.76 μ mol, 10 equiv) were added at room temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours. 3 μ L of aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken out and diluted with 30 μ L of CH_3CN for LC-MS analysis; C18 column, B: 55-75% over 30 minutes, retention time: 29.80 minutes, MS(ESI): $C_{382}H_{558}N_{40}O_{168}S_2$, Calc. 8457.5792, Observed 2117.46 $[M+4H]^{4+}$, 1694.00 $[M+5H]^{5+}$. The final reaction mixture was diluted with 1 mL of CH_3CN/H_2O (1:1), and this crude mixture was purified by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 60-80% B buffer over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 264 nm UV detection. The peak with retention time of 26.50 minutes was collected and lyophilized to afford 2.90 mg as a white solid (72% yield over 2 steps). Post-purification analytical LC/ESI MS analysis showed a clean product spectrum with a base peak of 2117.46 $[M+4H]^{4+}$, 1693.87 $[M+5H]^{5+}$.

3. Preparation of the Unimolecular Pentavalent-MUC1 Glycopeptide (**4-9**)

[0326] **The Unimolecular Pentavalent-MUC1 Glycopeptide (4-9):** The fully protected unimolecular pentavalent-MUC1 glycopeptide (1.1 mg, 0.14 μmol) was treated with a cleavage solution (150 μL , TFA/H₂O/PhOH/Et₃SiH = 8.75:0.5:0.5:0.25). The resulting mixture was stirred for 3.5 hours at room temperature. 3 μL of aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken out and diluted with 30 μL of CH₃CN for LC-MS analysis; C18 column, B: 50-80% over 30 minutes, retention time: 9.13 minutes, MS(ESI): C₃₂₆H₄₈₀N₄₀O₁₆₈S, Calc. 7627.0120, Observed 1909.03 [M+4H]⁴⁺. The reaction mixture was dried by nitrogen flow (N₂), and rinsed with Et₂O, and dried in vacuo. The crude material was used for the next step without further purification.

[0327] To a stirred solution of the glycopeptide prepared above in MeOH (120 μL), 0.3 M aqueous NaOH (60 μL) solution at room temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours, which was then acidified with 1 M aqueous HCl solution until the pH of the reaction mixture reached 4-5. 3 μL of aliquot of the reaction mixture was taken out and diluted with 30 μL of CH₃CN for LC-MS analysis; C18 column, B: 01-10% over 30 minutes, retention time: 35.85 minutes, MS(ESI): C₂₃₄H₃₈₆N₄₀O₁₂₀S, Calc. 5708.5053, Observed 1905.54 [M+3H]³⁺, 1429.18 [M+4H]⁴⁺. The final reaction mixture was diluted with 1 mL of CH₃CN/H₂O (1:1), and this crude mixture was purified by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 1-10% (5 minutes), 20-50% (30 minutes) B buffer, flow rate 16 mL/min, 220 nm UV detection. The peak with retention time of 12.10 minutes was collected and lyophilized to afford 0.5 mg of **4-9** as a white solid (60% yield over 2 steps). Post-purification analytical LC/ESI MS analysis showed a clean product spectrum with a base peak of 1905.02 [M+3H]³⁺.

Example 5

[0328] This Example demonstrates the assembly of multiantigenic constructs comprising a cyclic peptide that displays multiple carbohydrate determinants in a clustered fashion. In an effort to identify an exemplary presentation of the carbohydrates on the cyclic peptide scaffold, we chose as our targets the four constructs shown in Figures 26 and 27. Structures **5-4** and **5-5** incorporate six and four replicate copies of the Tn antigen, respectively, and construct **5-6** presents four copies of the STn disaccharide. We also sought to prepare a multiantigenic construct, **5-7**, incorporating both the Tn and STn antigens.

[0329] The protected O-linked glycosylamino acids **5-2** and **5-3** (Figure 26) were prepared from the L-hydroxynorleucine benzyl ester, according to our previously established protocol (Keding, S. J.; Endo, A.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Tetrahedron* **2003**, 59, 7023-7031). These Tn and STn “cassettes,” which we originally employed in earlier approaches to the synthesis of clustered antigens, serve as useful building blocks for glycal assembly. In this system, the N-termini of both the Tn and STn cassettes serve as handles for coupling to the peptide scaffold, and the remaining carboxyl function may provide a handle for further elaboration (i.e., as T-helper or additional B-epitope attachments).

[0330] Cyclic peptides **5-9**, **5-10**, and **5-11** (containing 4 or 6 aspartate residues) were prepared in parallel through automated solid-phase synthesis from the prolinated trityl resin **5-8** (Figure 28). Cleavage from the resin, macrocyclization (the macrocyclization was essentially instantaneous at room temperature, indicating that cross-strand hydrogen bonding may preorganize the acyclic peptide for cyclization. Moreover, downfield ¹H NMR chemical shifts of selected NH resonances, slow D₂O exchange times, and the temperature profile of these chemical shifts provided preliminary evidence of the desired β -sheet character of the peptide scaffold), and *tert*-butyl deprotection of the aspartate and tyrosine residues furnished **5-1**, **5-12**, and **5-13** in good overall yields.

[0331] With the components of the target structures in hand, we directed our efforts toward the covalent attachment of the carbohydrate antigens to the scaffolds. The Lansbury aspartylation reaction (Cohen-Anisfeld, S. T.; Lansbury, P. T. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, 115, 10531-10537) is a useful tool in glycopeptide synthesis. However, the standard Lansbury aspartylation protocol employs a glycosidic amine as the coupling partner of activated aspartic acid, rather than the primary amino acid nitrogen which could be used by our strategy. In considering the application of this protocol to our own system, there was concern that attenuated nucleophilicity of the amine might result in the emergence of nonproductive pathways. For example, the competing, relatively facile intramolecular cyclization of the peptide itself might lead to the formation of aspartimide (Bodanszky, M.; Natarajan, S. *J. Org. Chem.* **1975**, 40, 2495-2499; Bodanszky, M.; Kwei, J. Z. *Int. J. Pept. Protein Res.* **1978**, 12, 69-74; Tam, J. P.; Riemen, M. W.; Merrifield, R. B. *Pept. Res.* **1988**, 1, 6-18; Mergler, M.; Dick, F.; Sax, B.; Weiler, P.; Vorherr, T. *J. Peptide Sci.* **2003**, 9, 36-46; Lauer, J. L.; Fields, C. G.; Fields, G. B. *Lett. Peptide Sci.* **1994**, 1, 197-205). Indeed, this side reaction was observed in the coupling reaction of peptide **5-12** with glycosylamino acid **5-2**. Under standard reaction conditions (HOAt, HATU, DIEA/DMSO), formation of the undesired aspartimide was

predominant, with little indication of the requisite hexavalent product, **5-14**. Upon close investigation, it was found that the HOAt, which is generally used as an activation additive, along with HATU, plays a significant role in promoting undesired aspartimide formation. Fortunately, activation of the aspartic acids with HATU alone in the presence of DIEA in DMSO effectively minimized aspartimide formation, and consequently allowed high yielding conversion to the desired hexavalent product, **5-14** (Figure 29a).

[0332] Having identified useful coupling conditions, we were able to successfully assemble the tetravalent constructs **5-15** and **5-16** in a similar fashion. These relatively less congested glycopeptides exhibit different spatial arrangements, yet they still express the epitopes in highly clustered fashions. Following global deprotection, the highly clustered antigens **5-4**, **5-5**, and **5-6** were in hand (Figures 29a-c).

[0333] We next turned our attention to the synthesis of the unimolecular multiantigenic construct, **5-7** (Ragupathi, G.; Koide, F.; Livingston, P. O.; Cho, Y. S.; Endo, A.; Wan, Q.; Spassova, M. K.; Keding, S. J.; Allen, J.; Ouerfelli, O.; Wilson, R. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 2715-2725; Allen, J. R.; Harris, C. R.; Danishefsky, S. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 1890-1897; Ragupathi, G.; Coltart, D. M.; Williams, L. J.; Koide, F.; Kagan, E.; Allen, J.; Harris, C.; Glunz, P. W.; Livingston, P. O.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **2002**, 99, 13699-13704; Keding, S. J.; Danishefsky, S. J. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **2004**, 101, 11937-11942), wherein both the Tn and STn carbohydrate antigens are displayed on the peptidic backbone. This type of multivalent construct is intended to reflect the actual degree of carbohydrate heterogeneity associated with most cancers (Zhang, S. L.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Zhang, H. S.; Reuter, V. E.; Adluri, S.; Hamilton, W. B.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Int. J. Cancer* **1997**, 73, 42-49; Zhang, S. L.; Zhang, H. S.; Cordon-Cardo, C.; Reuter, V. E.; Singhal, A. K.; Lloyd, K. O.; Livingston, P. O. *Int. J. Cancer* **1997**, 73, 50-56). There is a significant degree of variation in the types of carbohydrates over-expressed on the tumor cell surface, even within a particular cancer type. By combining clusters of both the Tn and STn antigens within a single cyclic peptide scaffold, we would hope to induce a more robust immune response, in which the antibodies raised would target a greater proportion of transformed tumor cells. In a practical sense, the realization of a unimolecular multiantigenic construct relies on careful strategic considerations in the peptide scaffold design.

[0334] Initial efforts toward cyclic peptide **5-17** were unsuccessful, due to complications arising from aspartimide formation at position 8, leading to the undesired product, **5-17a** (Figures

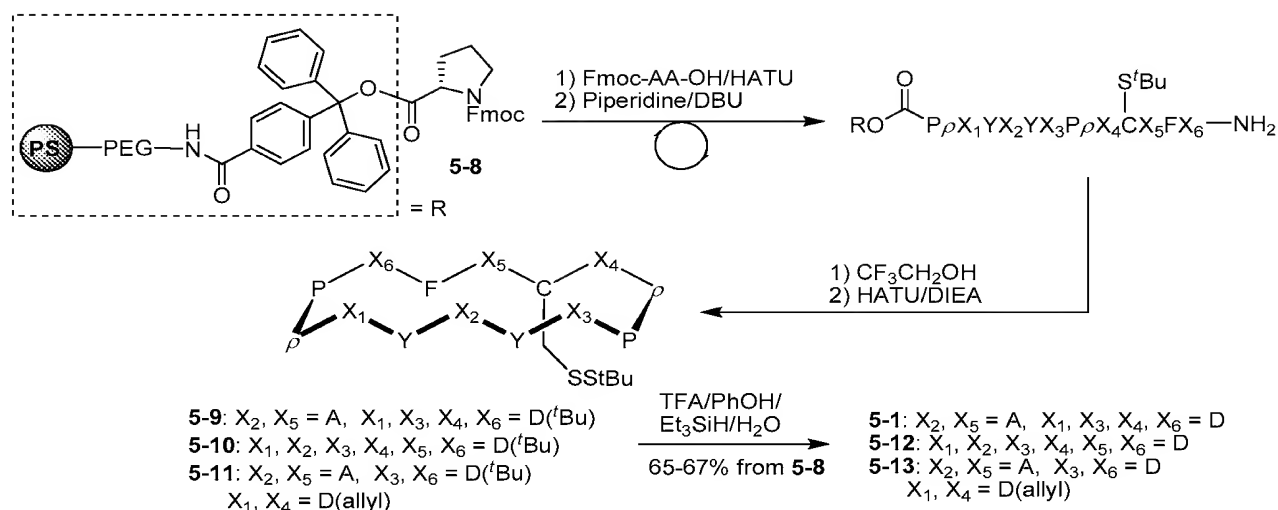
30a-b). Unlike the bulky Asp- β -*tert*-butyl esters, the less hindered Asp- β -allyl ester is susceptible to undesired aspartimide formation, arising from intramolecular nucleophilic attack by the amide nitrogen at the aspartyl C-terminus (Mergler, M; Dick, F.; Sax, B.; Weiler, P.; Vorherr, T. *Peptide Sci.* **2003**, *9*, 36-46). However, aspartimide formation of the Asp- β -allyl ester at position 5 was impeded by the presence of proline in position 6. Thus, we made the design decision of transposing the - β -allyl and - β -*tert*-butyl protecting groups of positions 8 and 12. Indeed, no evidence of aspartimide formation was found in the synthesis of cyclic peptide **5-18**.

[0335] Following selective *tert*-butyl deprotection of **5-18** under the conditions described in Figure 28, intermediate **5-13** was in hand. We then commenced the sequential attachment of the Tn and STn carbohydrate antigens. In the event, coupling of Tn **5-2** with peptide **5-13** proceeded efficiently to produce Tn glycopeptide construct (Figures 31a-b). The liberation of additional reaction sites by palladium-mediated allyl deprotection (Kunz, H.; Waldmann, H. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* **1984**, *23*, 71-72) resulted in a high yield of divalent product **5-20**. Addition of STn **5-3** to activated **5-20** and subsequent global deacetylation completed the synthesis of tetravalent antigen **5-7** in good overall yield.

[0336] In summary, this Example demonstrates the synthesis of cyclic multivalent glycopeptide constructs comprising carbohydrate determinants.

General Experimental Information:

[0337] Analytical Equipment: ¹H- NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVII+-600 spectrometer in d₆-DMSO or D₂O. Low resolution mass spectra (electrospray ionization) were acquired on a ZQ Micromass spectrometer. Samples were introduced by direct infusion. In the case of LC/MS, analysis was performed with a Waters Alliance analytical LC system in tandem with the Micromass ZQ. All HPLC was run with TFA (trifluoroacetic acid)-buffered eluents: A = 0.05 % v/v TFA/Water, B = 0.04 % v/v TFA/Acetonitrile. DMSO was purchased from Aldrich (Anhydrous grade) and used without further purification. DIEA (iPr₂NEt) was freshly distilled from CaH₂. DBU (Diazabicycloundecene) and Piperidine were purchased from Aldrich and used without further purification. HATU (*O*-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate) was purchased from GenScript and used without further purification. Peptide synthesis resins and Fmoc-amino acids were purchased from NovaBiochem.

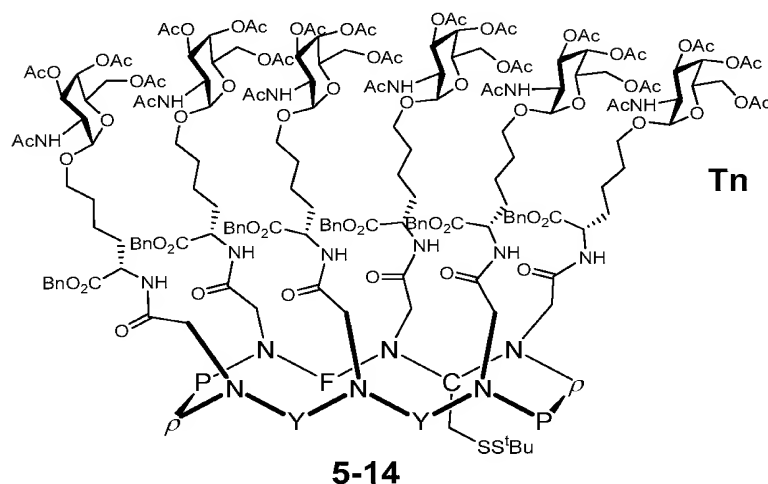
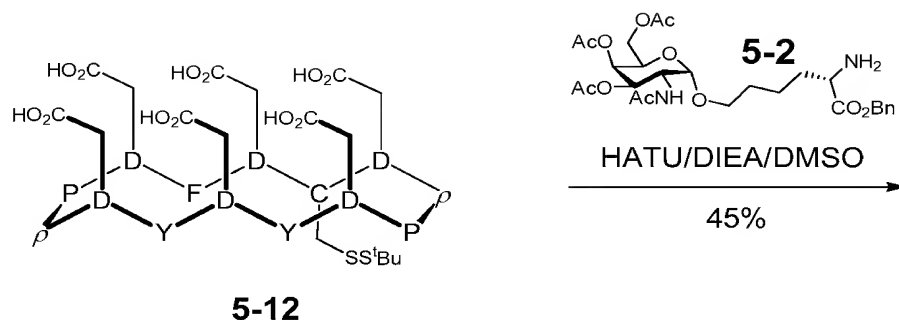


[0338] **Cyclic peptide 5-1:** Fmoc-Pro-NovaSyn TGT resin (**5-8**) (0.5 g, 0.2 mmol/g, purchased from NovaBiochem) was subjected continuous flow automated peptide synthesis. For coupling steps, resin was treated with with a 3-fold excess of HATU and Fmoc amino acids in DIEA/DMF, and for deblocking, a solution of 2% Piperidine/2% DBU in DMF was used. The amino acids used were, in order of synthesis, Fmoc-D-Pro-OH, Fmoc-Asp(^tBu)-OH, Fmoc-Tyr(^tBu)-OH, Fmoc-Ala-OH, Fmoc-Tyr(^tBu)-OH, Fmoc-Asp(^tBu)-OH, Fmoc-Pro-OH, Fmoc-D-Pro-OH, Fmoc-Asp(^tBu)-OH, Fmoc-Cys(S^tBu)-OH, Fmoc-Ala-OH, Fmoc-Phe-OH, Fmoc-Asp(^tBu)-OH. The resin was then transferred to a manual peptide synthesis vessel and treated with a cleavage solution of 5 mL of 20 % trifluoroethanol in dichloromethane for 2 hours. The beads were filtered, rinsed with another 5 mL cleavage solution, filtered again, and then treated for another 2 hours with 5 mL of cleavage solution. This process was repeated for a total of three 2-hour cleavage cycles, and the combined filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to afford ~160 mg crude linear protected peptide as a colorless glass. This material was redissolved in 50 mL of 1% v/v DIEA in DMF. HOAt (32.5 mg, 0.239 mmol, 3 equiv.) was added, followed by HATU (91 mg, 0.239mmol, 3 equiv.). After 1 hour, the solvent was removed in vacuo (using a rotary evaporator, ~1 mm Hg, 30 °C), affording the crude cyclic protected peptide contaminated with HATU/HOAt-derived byproducts. (ESI MS analysis showed predominantly the desired product peak, 1992.1 (M + H)). This material was then redissolved in 10 mL of 87.5 %TFA / 5 % water / 5% phenol / 2.5 % triethylsilane (v/v/m/v) solution and stirred for 30 minutes. Solvent was removed in vacuo then the residue was triturated with 25 mL diethyl ether 4 times to afford crude peptide **5-1**. This was purified in eight batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (on a 21.4 x 250 mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5 µM particle size column) using a gradient of 20-60% B buffer (see General Info) over

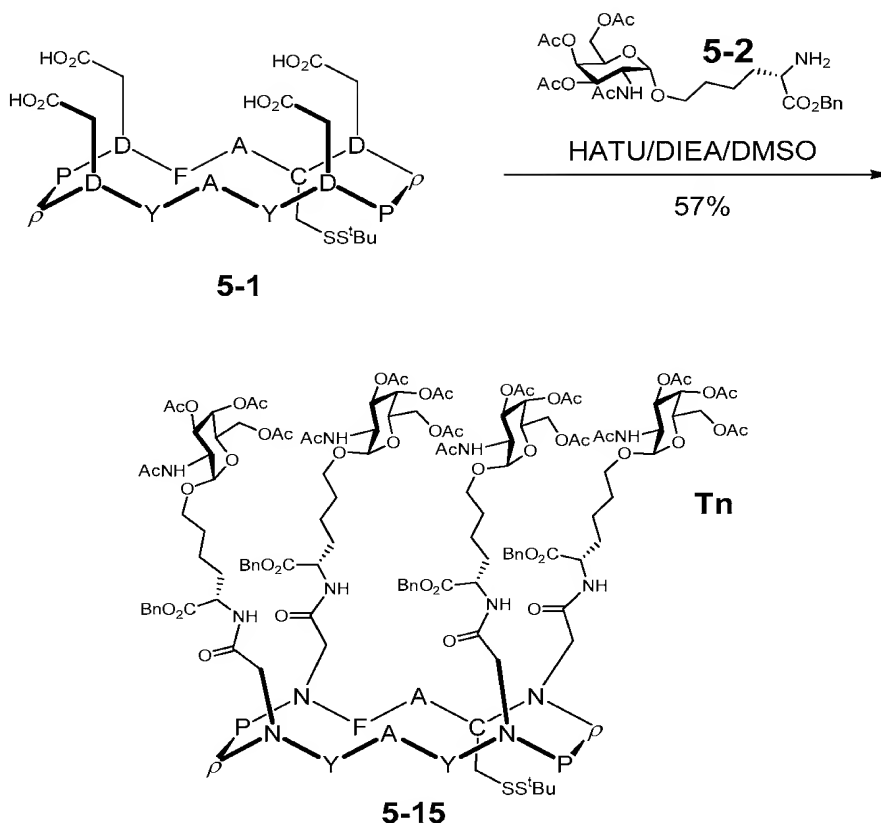
30 min, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. The peak with retention time of 19.2 minutes was collected. LC/MS analysis (20-60%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed the peptide **5-1** at 17 min and MS spectrum with base peaks of 1656.0 (M + H, [1655.6 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 108 mg of **5-1** (65% yield based on proline-loaded resin **5-8**).

[0339] Cyclic peptide 5-12: Cyclic peptide **5-12** was synthesized under the same condition as above. The crude mixture was purified in eight batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (on a 21.4 x 250mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5 µM particle size column) using a gradient of 25-60% B buffer (see General Info) over 30 min, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. The peak with retention time of 16.6 minutes was collected. LC/MS analysis (20-60%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed the peptide **5-12** at 18 min and MS spectrum with base peaks of 1743.7 (M + H, [1743.6 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 117 mg of **5-12** (67% yield based on proline-loaded resin **5-8**).

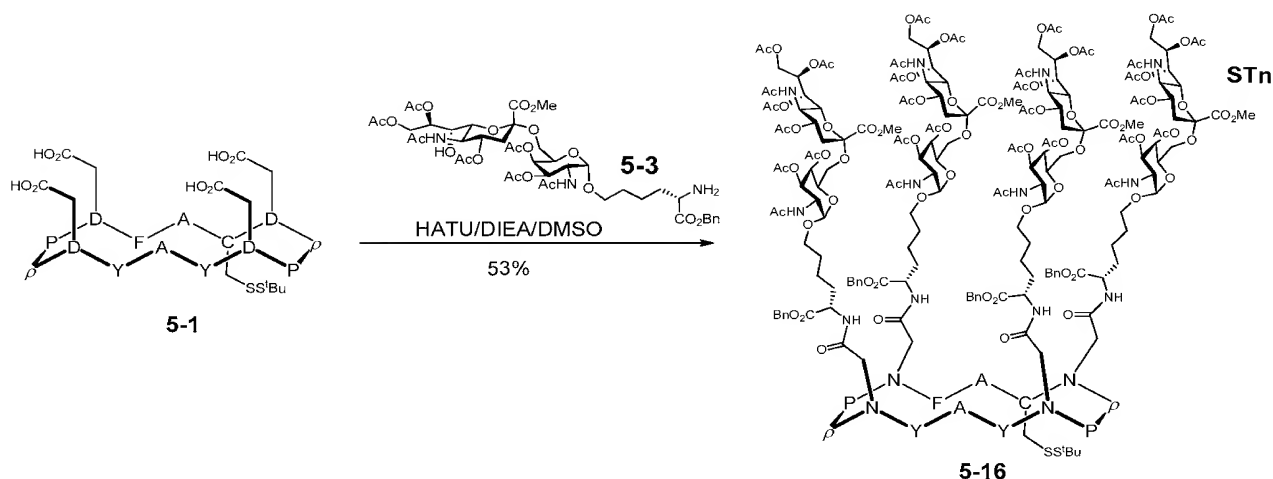
[0340] Cyclic peptide 5-13: Cyclic peptide **5-13** was synthesized under the same condition as above. The crude mixture was purified in eight batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (on a 21.4 x 250mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5 µM particle size column) using a gradient of 25-60% B buffer (see General Info) over 30 min, flow rate 16mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. The peak with retention time of 16.6 minutes was collected. LC/MS analysis (30-70%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed the peptide **5-13** at 16 min and MS spectrum with base peaks of 1736.1 (M + H, [1735.7 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 113 mg of **5-13** (65% yield based on proline-loaded resin **5-7**).



[0341] Protected Hexavalent Glycopeptide 5-14: Solutions of each reaction participant were prepared with a stirring bar in flame-dried vials under argon as follows: Peptide **5-12** (2 mg, 1.15 μmol), Tn **5-2** (4.88 mg, 8.62 μmol), were dissolved in 1 mL DMSO. To this mixture, HATU (2.9 mg, 7.6 μmol in 100 μL DMSO) was added, followed by dry *i*Pr₂NEt (4.5 μL , 25.74 μmol), producing a strong yellow color. After 4 hours, the crude reaction mixture was diluted with ~ 500 μL of 50%B HPLC buffer and, this was purified in two batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 55-80%B over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. The column used was a 21.4 x 250mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5 μm particle size. Retention time for protected hexavalent glycopeptide **5-14** was 19 minutes. LC/MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture (50-80%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150mm, 0.2mL/min) showed the protected hexavalent glycopeptide **5-14** at 21 min and MS spectrum with base peaks of 2517.7 ($M + 2H$, [2517.0 calc]) and 1679.7 ($M + 3H$ [1678.4 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 2.6 mg (45 %) of **5-14**.

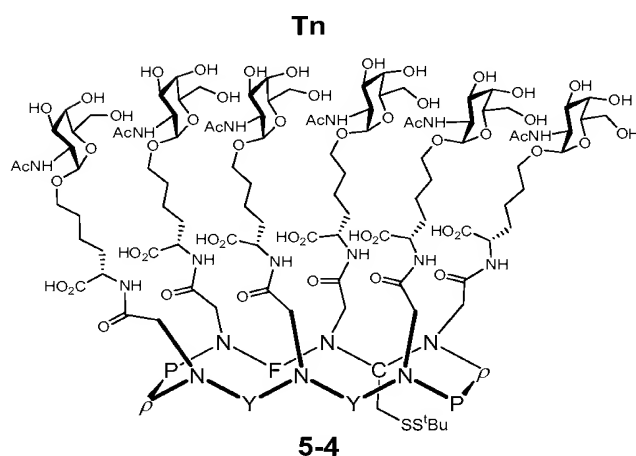
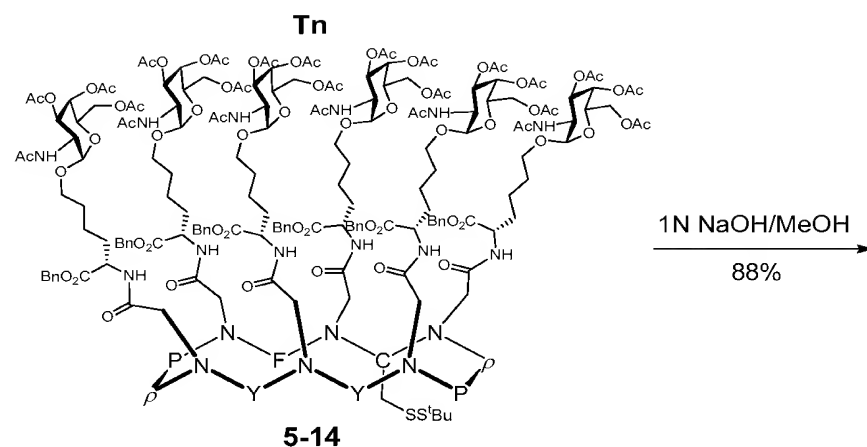


[0342] **Protected Tetravalent Glycopeptide 5-15:** Solutions of each reaction participant were prepared with a stir bar in flame-dried vials under argon as follows: Peptide **5-1** (2 mg, 1.21 μ mol), Tn **5-2** (3.43 mg, 6.04 μ mol), were dissolved in 0.5mL DMSO. To this mixture, HATU (2.3 mg, 6.04 μ mol in 100 μ L DMSO) was added, followed by dry *i*Pr₂NEt (5.1 μ L, 29 μ mol), producing a strong yellow color. After 4 hours, the crude reaction mixture was diluted with \sim 500 μ L of 50%B HPLC buffer and, this was purified in two batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 50-80%B over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. The column used was a 21.4 x 250mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5 μ M particle size. Retention time for protected hexavalent glycopeptide **5-12** was 9 minutes. LC/MS analysis (60-85%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150mm, 0.2mL/min) showed the protected tetravalent glycopeptide **5-15** at 8.5 min and MS spectrum with base peaks of 1925.4 (M + 2H, [1924.8 calc]) and 1284.5 (M + 3H [1283.5 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 2.7 mg (57 %) of **5-15**.

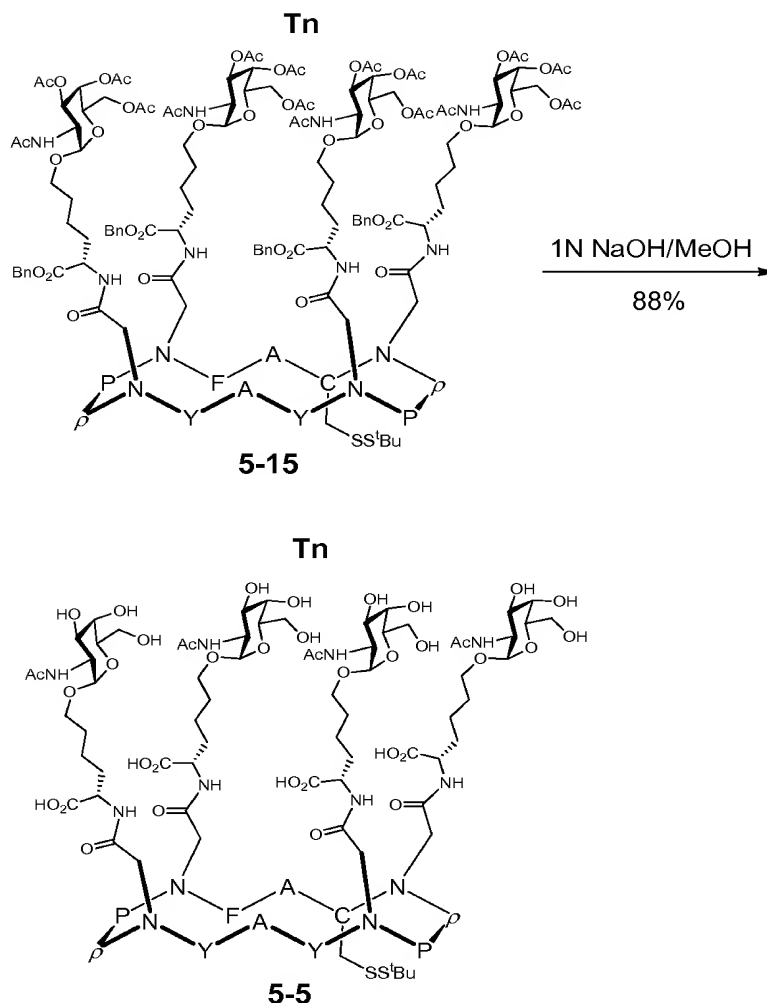


[0343] Protected Tetravalent Glycopeptide 5-16: Solutions of each reaction participant were prepared with a stir bar in flame-dried vials under argon as follows: Peptide **5-1** (2.3 mg, 1.41 μmol), STn **5-3** (11.3 mg, 11.31 μmol), were dissolved in 0.9 mL DMSO. To this mixture, HATU (2.7 mg, 7.07 μmol in 100 μL DMSO) was added, followed by dry *i*Pr₂NEt (3.7 μL , 21 μmol), producing a strong yellow color. After 4 hours, the crude reaction mixture was diluted with ~ 500 μL of 50%B HPLC buffer and, this was purified in two batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 50-80%B over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. The column used was a 21.4 x 250mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5 μM particle size. Retention time for protected tetravalent glycopeptide **5-16** was 14 minutes. LC/MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture (50-80%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed the protected tetravalent glycopeptide **5-16** at 13 minutes and MS spectrum with base peaks of 2787.9 ($M + 2H$, [2787.1 calc]) and 1859.5 ($M + 3H$, [1858.4 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 4.2 mg (53 %) of **5-16**.

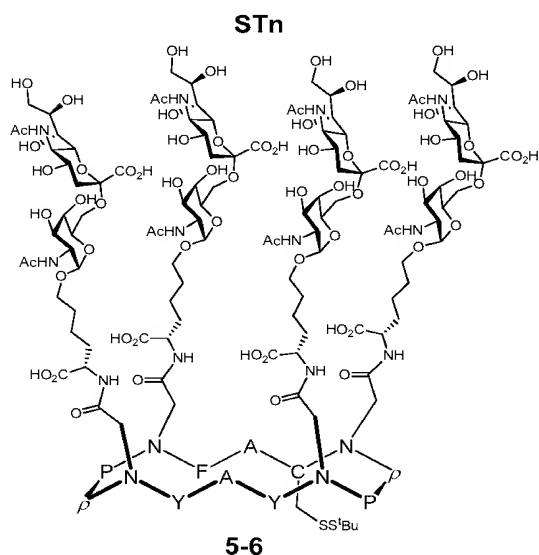
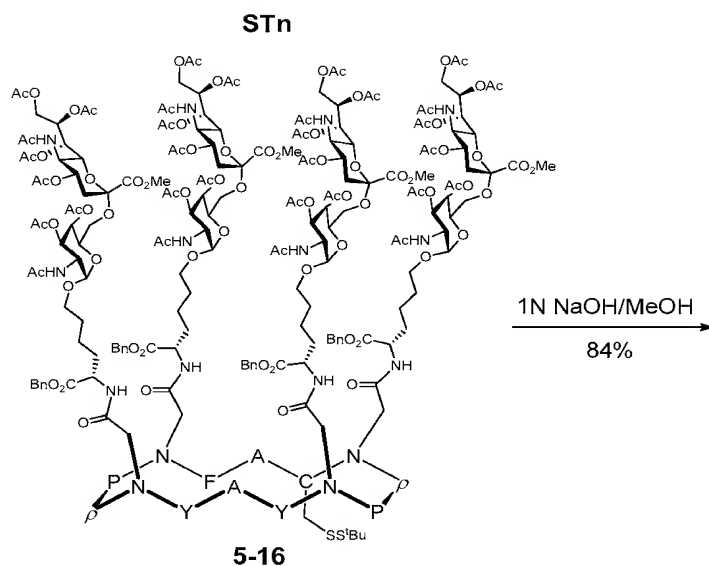
[0344] General procedure for global deprotections of 5-14, 5-15, and 5-16: The protected glycopeptide was treated with 1 N aq. NaOH (500 μL) and MeOH (750 μL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 14 hours, which was then acidified with 10% aq. HCl (500 μL). This was purified by preparative reverse-phase HPLC (21.4 x 250 mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5 μM particle size).



[0345] **Hexavalent Glycopeptide 5-4:** 2.3 mg of the protected hexavalent glycopeptide **5-14** was used. Hexavalent glycopeptide **5-4** was purified in two batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 20-70%B over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. Retention time for hexavalent Glycopeptide **5-4** was 13 minutes. LC/MS analysis (20-70%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150mm, 0.2mL/min) showed the hexavalent glycopeptide **5-4** at 12 minutes and MS spectrum with base peaks of 1869.3 ($M + 2H$, [1868.8 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 1.5 mg (88 %) of **5-4**.



[0346] Tetraivalent Glycopeptide 5-5: 5.9 mg of the protected tetraivalent glycopeptide **5-15** was used. Tetraivalent glycopeptide **5-5** was purified in two batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 25-50%B over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. Retention time for tetraivalent glycopeptide **5-5** was 13 minutes. LC/MS analysis (25-50%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150mm, 0.2mL/min) showed the tetraivalent glycopeptide **5-5** at 11 minutes and MS spectrum with base peaks of 1492.7 (M + 2H, [1492.6 calc]) and 996.0 (M + 3H, [995.4 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 4 mg (88 %) of **5-5**.



[0347] **Tetravalent Glycopeptide 5-6:** 2.5 mg of the protected tetravalent glycopeptide **5-16** was used. Tetravalent glycopeptide **5-6** was purified in two batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 20-70%B over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. Retention time for tetravalent glycopeptide **5-6** was 11 minutes. LC/MS analysis (20-70%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150mm, 0.2mL/min) showed the tetravalent glycopeptide **5-6** at 10 minutes and MS spectrum with base peaks of 2075.8 (M + 2H, [2074.8 calc]) and 1384.1 (M + 3H, [1383.6 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 2.5 mg (84 %) of **5-6**.

[0348] Protected Divalent Glycopeptide 5-19: Solutions of each reaction participant were prepared with a stir bar in flame-dried vials under argon as follows: Peptide **5-13** (8.8 mg, 5.07 μmol), Tn **5-2** (8.6 mg, 15.21 μmol), were dissolved in 1.0 mL DMSO. To this mixture, HATU (5.8 mg, 15.21 μmol in 100 μL DMSO) was added, followed by dry *iPr*₂NEt (8 μL , 45.6 μmol), producing a strong yellow color. After 2 hours, the crude reaction mixture was diluted with ~ 500 μL of 50%B HPLC buffer and, this was purified in two batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 5-55%B over 3 minutes then 55-90%B over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. The column used was a 21.4 x 250mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5 μM particle size. Retention time for diallyl divalent glycopeptide was 14 minutes. LC/MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture (55-75%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed the diallyl divalent glycopeptide at 9.5 minutes and MS spectrum with base peaks of 2833.14 (M + H, [2832.18 calc]) and 2855.23 (M + Na, [2854.15 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 9.5 mg (66 %) of diallyl divalent glycopeptide. This construct was then treated with 4-methylmorpholine (2.7 μL , 24 μmol) and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (8.1 mg, 7 μmol) in 1 mL DMF. After 2 hours, this was purified in two batches by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 45-70%B over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. The column used was a 21.4 x 250mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5 μM particle size. Retention time for protected divalent glycopeptides **5-19** was 14 minutes. LC/MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture (45-70%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed the protected divalent glycopeptides **5-19** at 11.5 minutes and MS spectrum with base peaks of 2752.74 (M + H, [2752.11 calc]) and 1376.74 (M + 2H, [1376.56 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 8.4 mg (91 %) of **5-19**.

[0349] Tetraivalent Glycopeptide 5-7: Solutions of each reaction participant were prepared with a stir bar in flame-dried vials under argon as follows: Glycopeptide **5-19** (2.1 mg, 0.76 μmol), STn **5-3** (2.3 mg, 2.3 μmol), were dissolved in 1.0 mL DMSO. To this mixture, HATU (0.87 mg, 2.3 μmol in 100 μL DMSO) was added, followed by dry *iPr*₂NEt (1.6 μL , 9.2 μmol), producing a strong yellow color. After 3 hours, LC/MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture (50-80%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed the protected tetraivalent glycopeptide at 15 minutes and MS spectrum with base peaks of 2356.75 (M + 2H, [2355.94 calc]) and 1571.99 (M + 3H, [1570.96 calc]). After the removal of solvent by vigorous stream of air, this was subjected to global deprotection under the condition described above. This

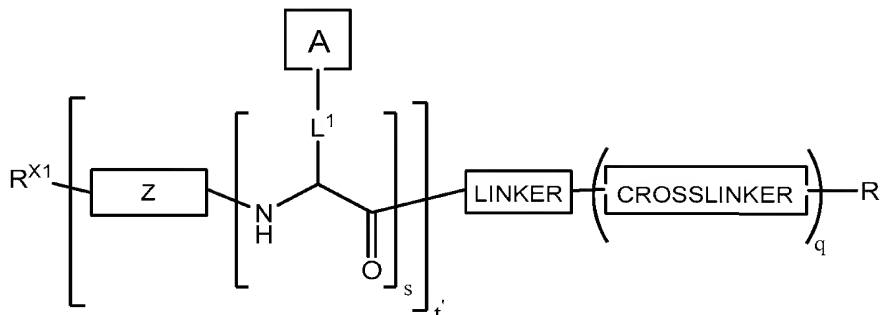
was then purified by preparative reverse-phase HPLC using a gradient of 20-70%B over 30 minutes, flow rate 16 mL/min, 235 nm UV detection. The column used was a 21.4 x 250mm Varian Microsorb C18 Dynamax column, 100 Å pore size, 5µM particle size. Retention time for tetravalent glycopeptides **5-7** was 12 minutes. LC/MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture (20-70%B over 30 min, same solvent system as above, Microsorb C18, 300-5, 2 x 150 mm, 0.2 mL/min) showed the tetravalent glycopeptides **5-7** at 12 minutes and MS spectrum with base peaks of 1784.55 (M + 2H, [1783.74 calc]). Lyophilization of these fractions yielded 1.9 mg (70 %) of **5-7**.

[0350] While we have described a number of embodiments of this invention, it is apparent that our basic examples may be altered to provide other embodiments that utilize the compounds and methods of this invention. Therefore, it will be appreciated that the scope of this invention is to be defined by the appended claims rather than by the specific embodiments that have been represented by way of example.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A multi-antigenic construct having the structure:



wherein,

q is 0 or 1;

each occurrence of s is independently an integer from 0-20;

t' is an integer from 1-20;

R^{X1} is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -alkyl(aryl), -alkyl(heteroaryl), a nitrogen protecting group, an amino acid or a protected amino acid;

R' is hydrogen or an immunogenic carrier;

the cross linker is a moiety suitable for conjugation to an immunogenic carrier;

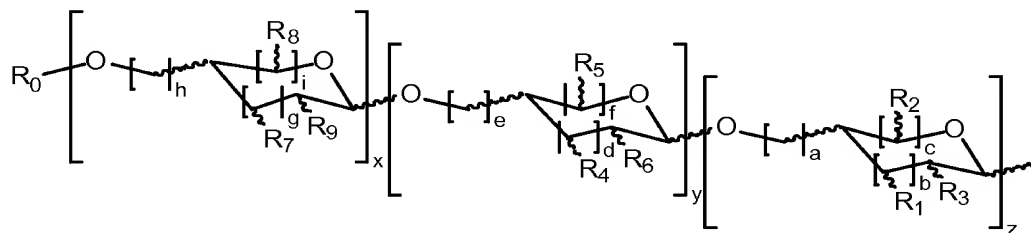
each occurrence of Z is independently a covalent bond or comprises a peptide epitope and optionally comprises a linker, wherein at least one occurrence of Z comprises a peptide epitope, wherein each occurrence of the peptide epitope independently comprises a sequence found in a MHC-II binding peptide or a mucin peptide sequence;

each occurrence of the linker is either a covalent bond, an ester, -O-, (carboxamido)alkyl carboxamide, MBS, primary carboxamide, mono- or dialkyl carboxamide, mono- or diarylcarboxamide, linear or branched chain (carboxy)alkyl carboxamide, linear or branched chain (alkoxycarbonyl)alkyl-carboxamide, linear or branched chain (carboxy)arylalkylcarboxamide, linear or branched chain (alkoxycarbonyl)alkylcarboxamide, an oligoester fragment comprising from 2 to about 20 hydroxy acyl residues, a peptidic fragment comprising from 2 to about 20 amino acyl residues, a linear or branched chain alkyl or aryl carboxylic ester, or a C_{1-20} saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, hydrocarbon chain, wherein one or more methylene units of the linker are optionally and independently

replaced by cyclopropylene, $-\text{NR}-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R})\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{R})-$, $-\text{N}(\text{R})\text{SO}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{R})-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{SO}-$, $-\text{SO}_2-$, $-\text{C}(=\text{S})-$, or $-\text{C}(=\text{NR})-$;

each occurrence of L^1 is independently a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic or heteroaliphatic moiety;

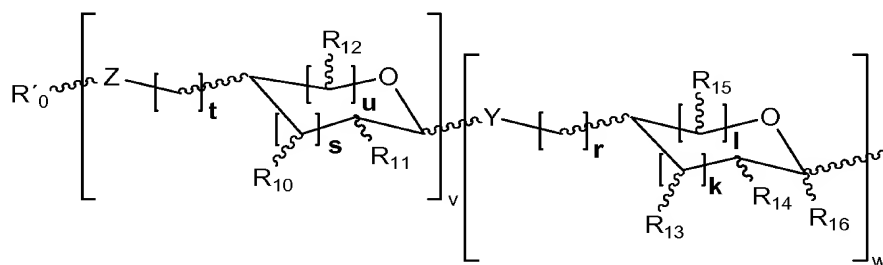
each occurrence of A is independently a carbohydrate determinant having the structure:



wherein a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, x, y and z are independently 0, 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the x, y and z bracketed structures represent furanose or pyranose moieties and the sum of b and c is 1 or 2, the sum of d and f is 1 or 2, and the sum of g and i is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that x, y and z are not simultaneously 0;

R_0 is hydrogen, or an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 and R_9 is independently hydrogen, OH, OR, NR_2 , NHCOR , or an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur; or a saccharide moiety having the structure:



wherein Y and Z are independently NH or O; wherein k, l, r, s, t, u, v and w are each independently 0, 1 or 2; with the proviso that the v and w bracketed structures represent

furanose or pyranose moieties and the sum of l and k is 1 or 2, and the sum of s and u is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that v and w are not simultaneously 0;

R'₀ is hydrogen, or an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of acyl, C₁₋₁₀ aliphatic, C₁₋₆ heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, R₁₃, R₁₄ and R₁₅ is independently hydrogen, OH, OR, NR₂, NHCOR, or an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, C₁₋₁₀ aliphatic, C₁₋₆ heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of R₁₆ is hydrogen, COOH, COOR, CONHR, a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl or aryl group;

each R is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, arylalkyl, 6-10-membered aryl, C₁₋₆ aliphatic, or C₁₋₆ heteroaliphatic having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur; or: two R on the same nitrogen atom are taken with the nitrogen to form a 4-7-membered heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur.

2. The construct of claim 1, wherein one or more occurrences of Z is a covalent bond.
3. The construct of claim 1, wherein each occurrence of Z is a peptide epitope.
4. The construct of claim 3, wherein each occurrence of the peptide epitope independently comprises or is found in an unglycosylated mucin tandem repeat sequence.
5. The construct of claim 1, wherein each occurrence of the peptide epitope comprises or is found in a mucin tandem repeat sequence selected from the group consisting of MUC1, MUC2, MUC3, MUC4, MUC5B, MUCAC, MUC7, and MUC16.

6. The construct of claim 5, wherein the peptide epitope comprises or is found in a MUC5AC sequence.

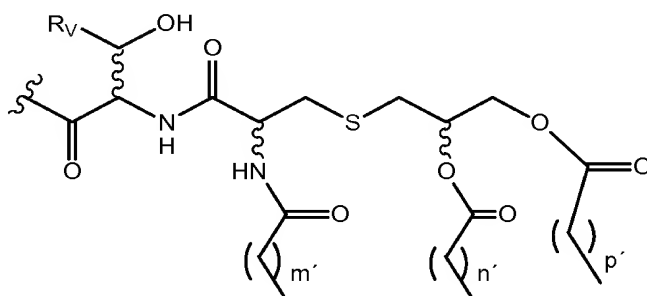
7. The construct of claim 1, wherein the peptide epitope comprises or is found in the following sequences or a combination thereof:

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TTSTTSAP	SEQ ID NO: 2
PDTRPAPGSTAPPAHGV TSA	SEQ ID NO: 3
APDTR	SEQ ID NO: 4
HGVTSAPDTRPAPGSTAPPA	SEQ ID NO: 5
PTTTPITTTTTVTPTPTPTGTQT	SEQ ID NO: 6
PTTTPISTTTTTVTPTPTPTGTQT	SEQ ID NO: 7
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SSVSTTSTTSTP	SEQ ID NO: 13
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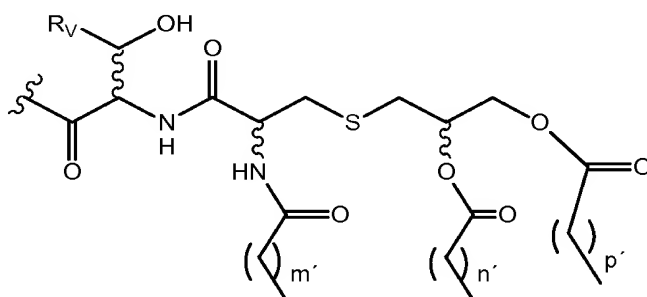
8. The construct of claim 1, wherein the peptide epitope comprises or is found in tandem repeats of VTAPDTRPAPGSTAPPAHG or TTSTTSAP.
9. The construct of claim 1, wherein q is 1.
10. The construct of claim 1, wherein each occurrence of s is independently an integer from 1-3.
11. The construct of claim 10, wherein each occurrence of s is 1.
12. The construct of claim 1, wherein t' is an integer from 1-10.
13. The construct of claim 12, wherein t' is 3.
14. The construct of claim 1, wherein R^{X1} is acyl or a nitrogen protecting group.
15. The construct of claim 14, wherein R^{X1} is acyl.
16. The construct of claim 1, wherein R' is hydrogen.
17. The construct of claim 1, wherein R' is an immunogenic carrier.

18. The construct of claim 17, wherein the immunogenic carrier is a protein, peptide, or lipid.
19. The construct of claim 18, wherein the immunogenic carrier is selected from the group consisting of KLH, OMPC, BSA, cationized BSA, polylysine, and a lipid having the structure:



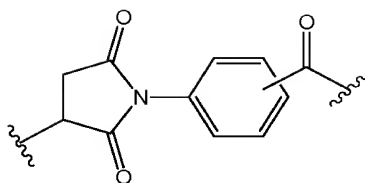
wherein m' , n' and p' are each independently integers between about 8 and 20; and R_V is hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain lower alkyl or substituted or unsubstituted phenyl.

20. The construct of claim 19, wherein the immunogenic carrier is a lipid having the structure:



wherein m' , n' and p' are each 14 and the lipid is tripalmitoyl-S-glycerylcysteinylserine.

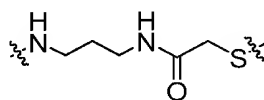
21. The construct of claim 1, wherein the crosslinker is selected from the group consisting of NHS ester, 6-(iodoacetamido)caproic acid NHS ester, maleimidoacetic acid NHS ester, maleimidobenzoic acid NHS ester, MMCCH (4-(maleimidomethyl) cyclohexane-1-carboxyl hydrazide), and MBS (m-maleimidobenzoyl acid N-Hydroxysuccinimidyl ester).
22. The construct of claim 1, wherein the crosslinker is a fragment having the structure:



whereby said structure is generated upon conjugation of a maleimidobenzoic acid N-hydroxy succinimide ester with a linker.

23. The construct of claim 1, wherein the linker is a covalent bond.

24. The construct of claim 1, wherein the linker is a primary carboxamide or a peptidic fragment comprising from 2 to 20 amino acyl residues.



25. The construct of claim 1, wherein the linker is

26. The construct of claim 1, wherein L^1 is an optionally substituted moiety selected from aliphatic or heteroaliphatic.

27. The construct of claim 26, wherein L^1 is an unsubstituted heteroaliphatic moiety.

28. The construct of claim 26, wherein L^1 is an optionally substituted, straight or branched C_{1-20} hydrocarbon chain wherein one or more methylene units is optionally substituted with $-O-$.

29. The construct of claim 28, wherein L^1 is $-O(CH_2)_n-$, wherein n is an integer from 1 to 12.

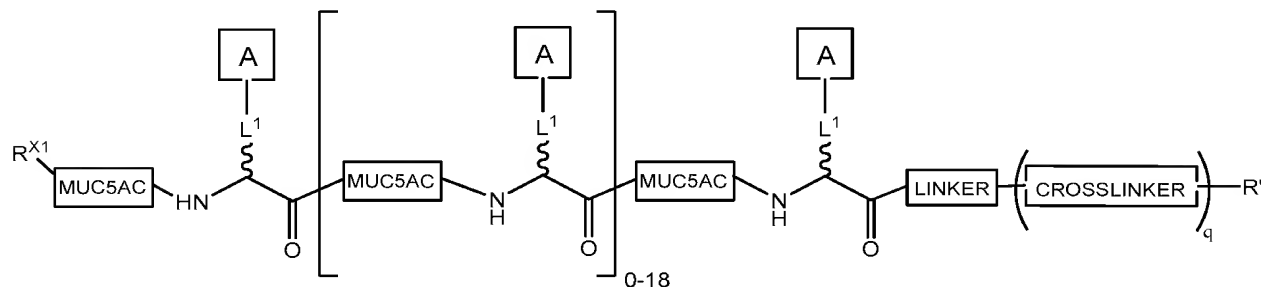
30. The construct of claim 29, wherein n is 6.

31. The construct of claim 1, wherein each occurrence of A is independently a carbohydrate determinant present on tumor cells.

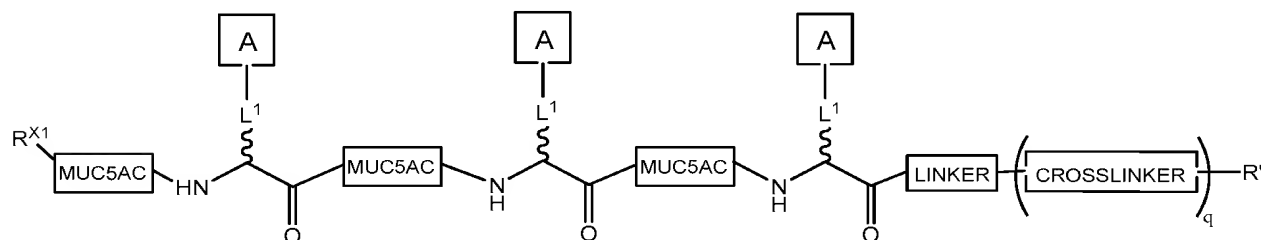
32. The construct of claim 31, wherein each occurrence of A is independently selected from the group consisting of Globo-H, fucosyl GM1, GM2, KH-1, glycophorin, N3, Tn, TF, STn, (2,3)ST, 2,6-ST, Gb₃, Le^y, and Le^x.

33. The construct of claim 32, wherein each occurrence of A is Gb₃.
34. The construct of claim 32, wherein each occurrence of A is Globo-H.

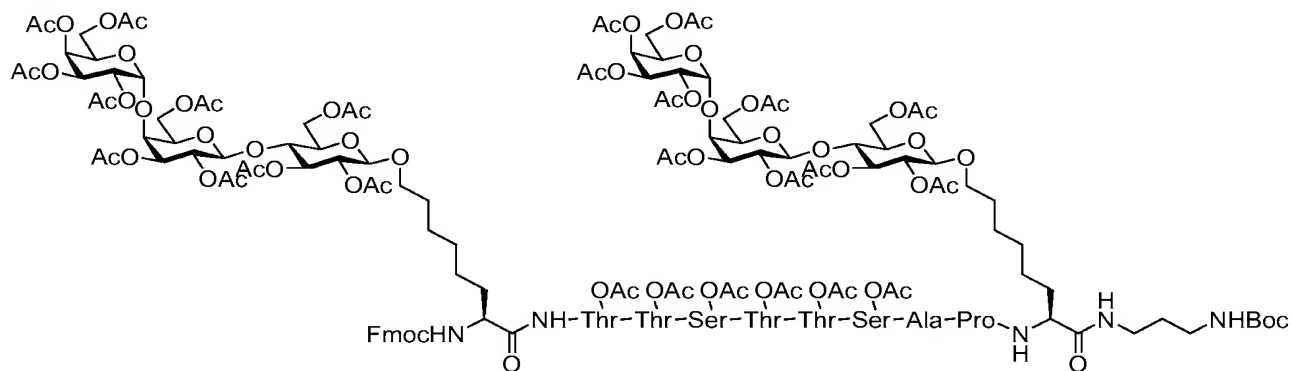
35. The construct of claim 1 having the structure:

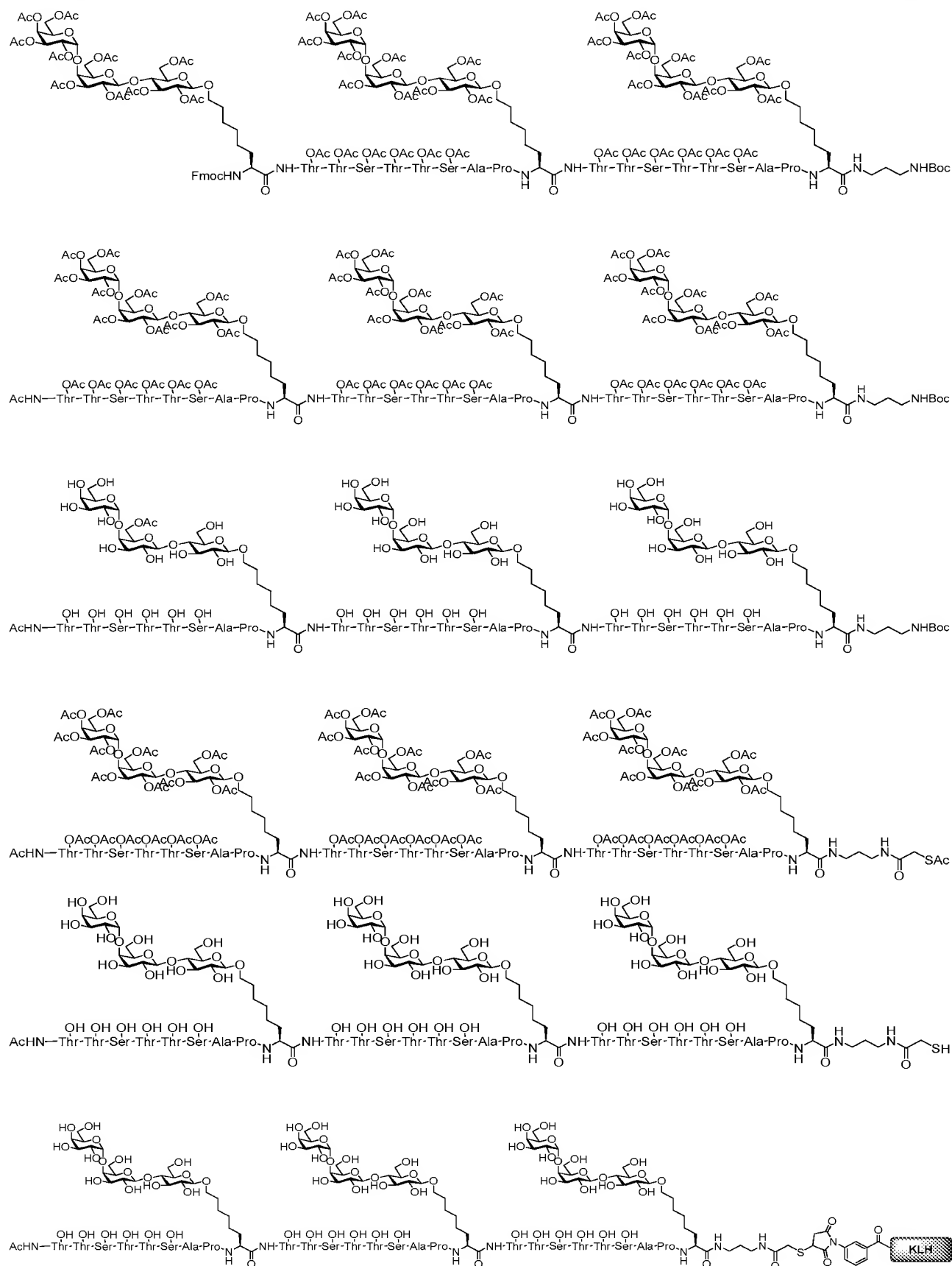


36. The construct of claim 35 having the structure:

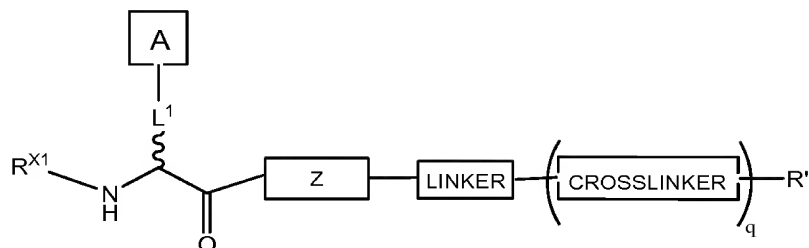


37. The construct of claim 1, wherein the construct is selected from:





38. The construct of claim 1, wherein t' is 2.
39. The construct of claim 38 having the formula:



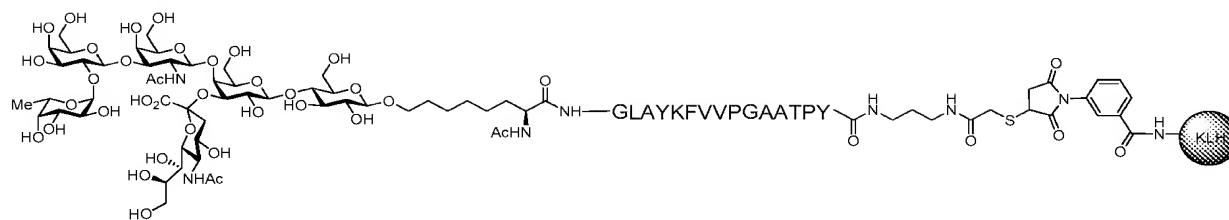
40. The construct of claim 39, wherein A is selected from the group consisting of Globo-H, fucosyl GM1, GM2, KH-1, glycophorin, N3, Tn, TF, STn, (2,3)ST, 2,6-ST, Gb₃, Le^y, and Le^x.
41. The construct of claim 40, wherein A is fucosyl GM1.
42. The construct of claim 39, wherein Z is a MHC-II binding peptide.
43. The construct of claim 42, wherein the peptide is 10-20 amino acid residues.
44. The construct of claim 43, wherein the peptide is selected from:

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VKNVIGPFMKAVCVE	SEQ ID NO: 32
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MRKLAILSVSSFLFV	SEQ ID NO: 34
LVNLLIFHINGKIIK	SEQ ID NO: 35
EPQGSTYAASSATSVD	SEQ ID NO: 36
AGLLGNVSTVLLGGV	SEQ ID NO: 37
FATCFLIPTLSQFFLP	SEQ ID NO: 38
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IKLPIILAFATCFLIP	SEQ ID NO: 40
THHYFVDLIGGAMLSL	SEQ ID NO: 41
LAAIIFLFGPPTALRS	SEQ ID NO: 42
QEIDPLSYNYIPVNSN	SEQ ID NO: 43
RVYQEPQVSPQRAET	SEQ ID NO: 44
NVKYLVIVFLIFFDL	SEQ ID NO: 45
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45. The construct of claim 44, wherein the peptide is GLAYKFVVPGAATPY.

46. The construct of claim 45 having the structure:

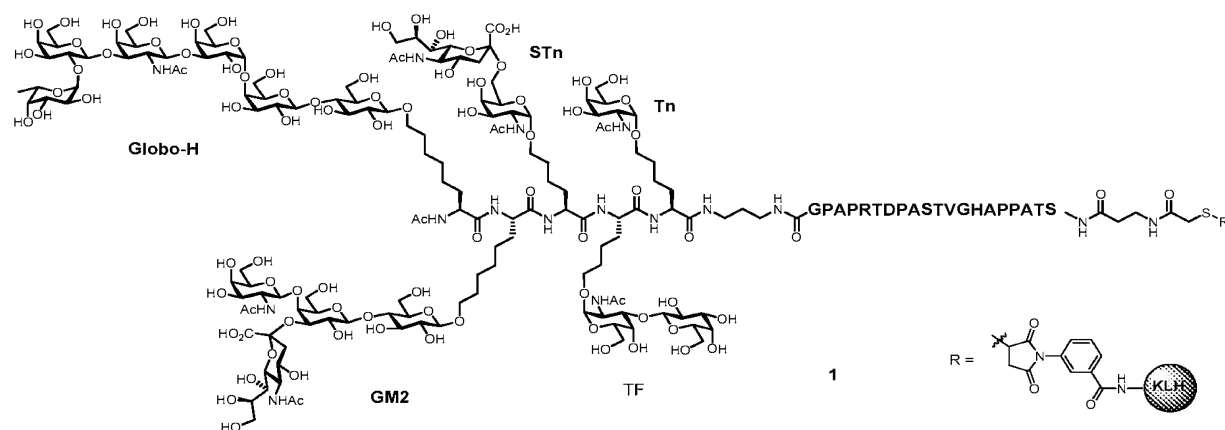


47. The construct of claim 38, wherein each occurrence of s is an integer from 0 to 10.

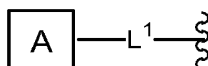
48. The construct of claim 47, wherein at least one occurrence of a peptide epitope contains a spacer unit.

49. The construct of claim 47, wherein the peptide epitope comprises a MUC1 sequence.

50. The construct of claim 49 having the structure:

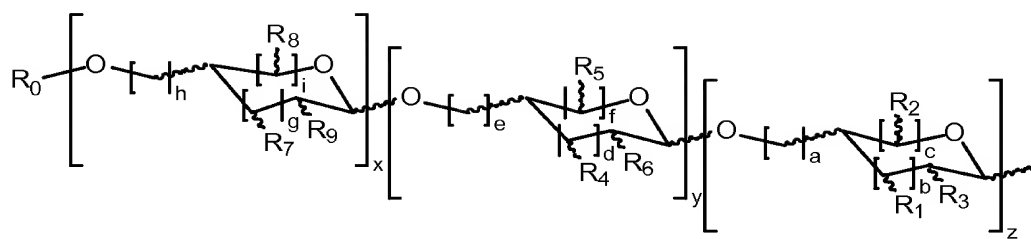


51. A multi-antigenic construct comprising a cyclic peptide backbone, wherein one or more amino acids are independently substituted with a glycosidic moiety having the structure:



wherein each occurrence of L^1 is as defined above; and

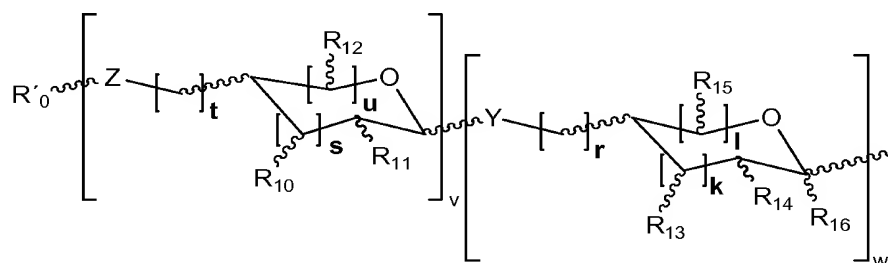
each occurrence of A is independently a carbohydrate determinant having the structure:



wherein a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, x, y and z are independently 0, 1, 2 or 3, with the proviso that the x, y and z bracketed structures represent furanose or pyranose moieties and the sum of b and c is 1 or 2, the sum of d and f is 1 or 2, and the sum of g and i is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that x, y and z are not simultaneously 0;

R_0 is hydrogen, or an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of $R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, R_8$ and R_9 is independently hydrogen, OH, OR, NR_2 , $NHCOR$, or an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; 4-7-membered heterocyclyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur; or a saccharide moiety having the structure:



wherein Y and Z are independently NH or O; wherein k, l, r, s, t, u, v and w are each independently 0, 1 or 2; with the proviso that the v and w bracketed structures represent furanose or pyranose moieties and the sum of l and k is 1 or 2, and the sum of s and u is 1 or 2, and with the proviso that v and w are not simultaneously 0;

R'_0 is hydrogen, or an optionally substituted moiety selected from the group consisting of acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur,

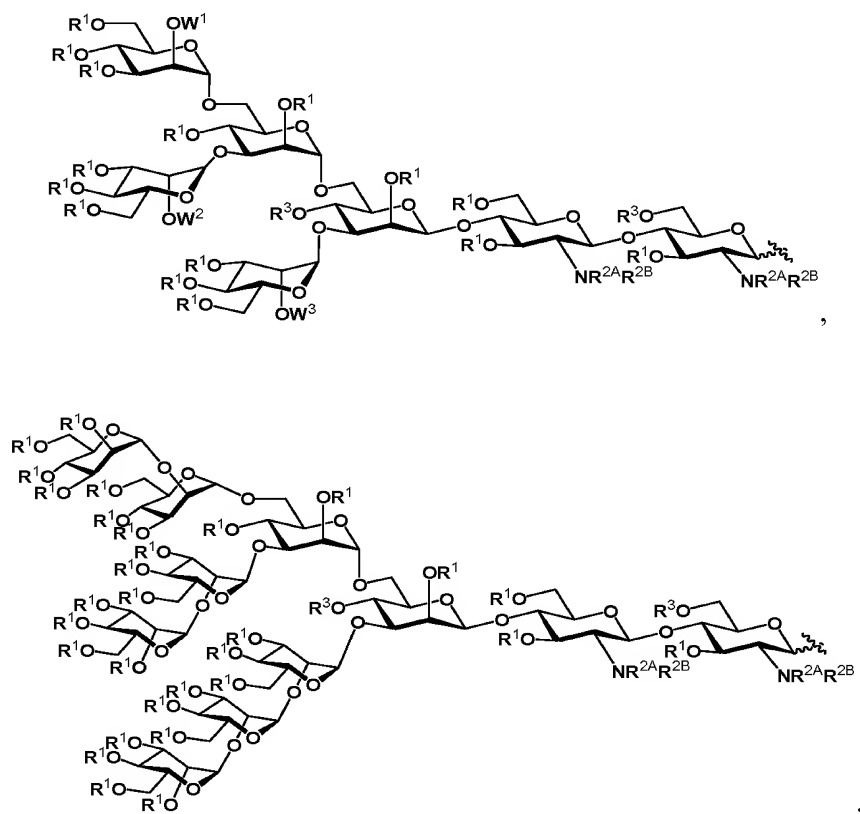
4-7-membered heterocyclcyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

each occurrence of R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} and R_{15} is independently hydrogen, OH, OR, NR_2 , $NHCOR$, or an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, C_{1-10} aliphatic, C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic, 6-10-membered aryl, arylalkyl, 5-10-membered heteroaryl having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; 4-7-membered heterocyclcyl having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

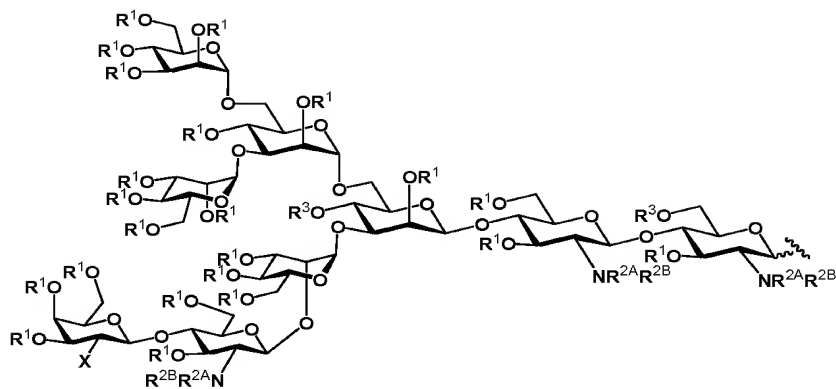
each occurrence of R_{16} is hydrogen, COOH, COOR, CONHR, a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl or aryl group;

each R is independently hydrogen, an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, arylalkyl, 6-10-membered aryl, C_{1-6} aliphatic, or C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur; or: two R on the same nitrogen atom are taken with the nitrogen to form a 4-7-membered heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur;

with the proviso that A is not a carbohydrate domain of formula:



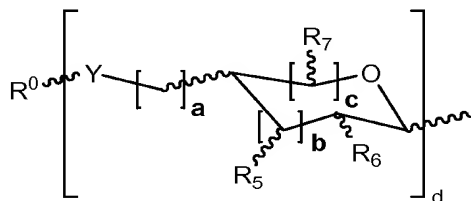
or



wherein each occurrence of R^1 is independently hydrogen or an oxygen protecting group;

each occurrence of R^{2A} and R^{2B} is independently hydrogen or a nitrogen protecting group;

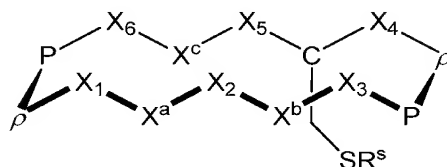
each occurrence of R^3 is independently hydrogen, a protecting group or a carbohydrate domain comprising a saccharide moiety having the structure:



wherein Y is NH or O; wherein a, b and c are each independently 0, 1 or 2; d is an integer from 1-3; with the proviso that the d bracketed structure represents a furanose or pyranose moiety and the sum of b and c is 1 or 2; wherein R^0 is hydrogen, a linear or branched chain alkyl, acyl, arylalkyl or aryl group; wherein each occurrence of R^5 , R^6 and R^7 is independently hydrogen, OH, OR^i , $NR^{ii}R^{iii}$, $NHCOR^i$, F, CH_2OH , CH_2OR^i , or a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl, (mono-, di- or tri)hydroxyalkyl, (mono-, di- or tri)acyloxyalkyl, arylalkyl or aryl group; wherein each occurrence of R^i , R^{ii} and R^{iii} is independently hydrogen, a protecting group, a sialic acid moiety, CHO, $COOR^{iv}$, or a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl, acyl, arylalkyl or aryl group, or R^{ii} and R^{iii} , taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic or heteroaryl moiety; and wherein each occurrence of R^{iv} is independently H, or a substituted or unsubstituted linear or branched chain alkyl, arylalkyl or aryl group; and

W^1 , W^2 and W^3 are independently optionally substituted mannose, galactose or lactosamine moieties.

52. The construct of claim 51 having the structure:

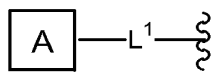


wherein:

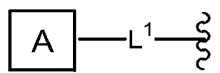
each of X^a , X^b , X^c , X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , and X^6 is independently a natural or unnatural amino acid, and R^s is hydrogen or $-SR$;

R is hydrogen, an optionally substituted group selected from acyl, arylalkyl, 6-10-membered aryl, C_{1-6} aliphatic, or C_{1-6} heteroaliphatic having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur; and

at least one of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , or X^6 is an aspartate substituted with a glycosidic moiety having the structure:

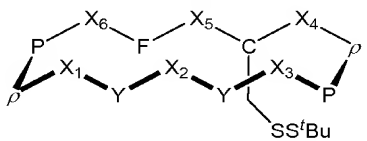


53. The construct of claim 52, wherein two, three, four, five, or six of X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 , X^5 , or X^6 is an aspartate substituted with a glycosidic moiety having the structure:

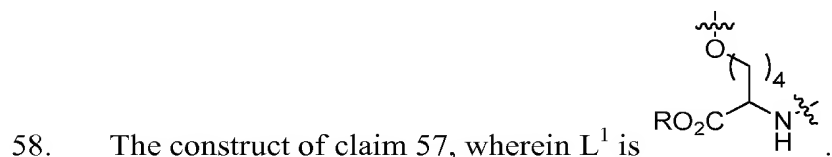
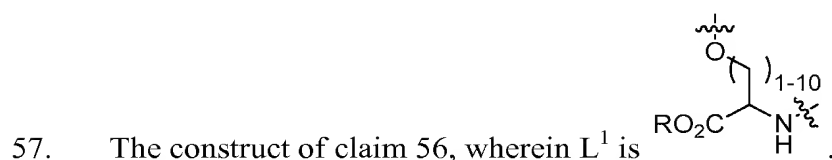


54. The construct of claim 52, wherein each of X^a , X^b , and X^c is selected from the group consisting of phenylalanine and tyrosine.

55. The construct of claim 52 having the structure:



56. The construct of claim 51, wherein L^1 is a natural or unnatural amino acid.



59. The construct of claim 51, wherein A is selected from Tn or STn.

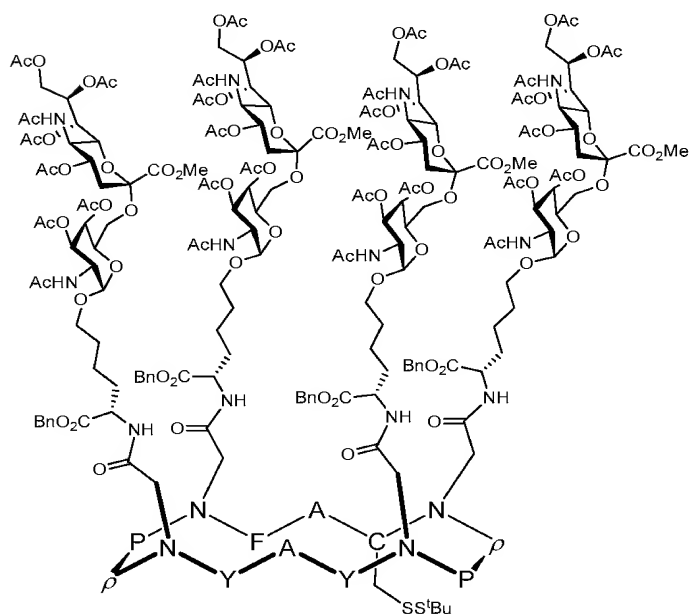
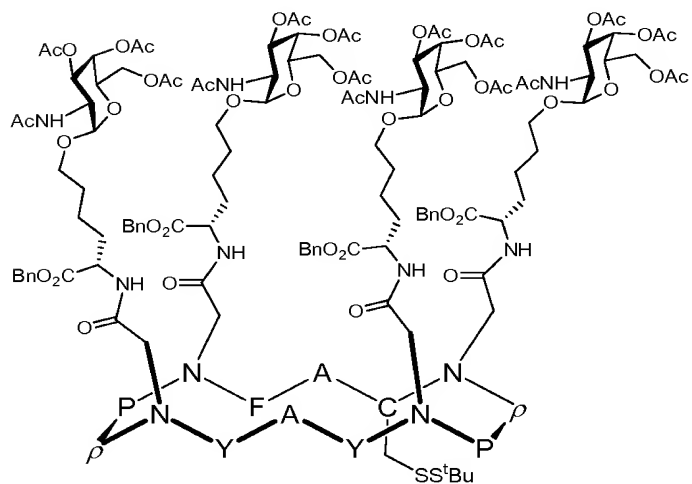
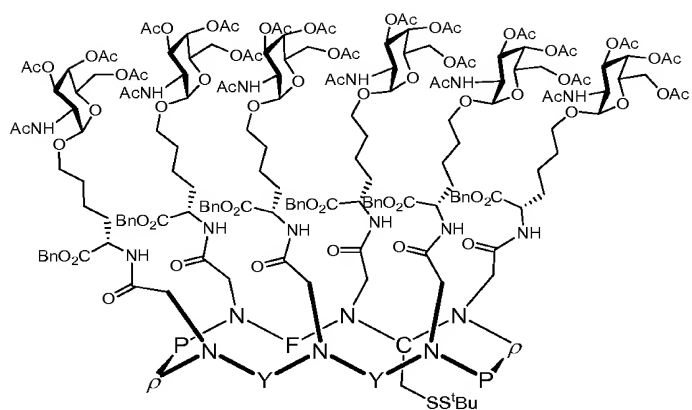
60. The construct of claim 51, wherein the cyclic peptide adopts a β -sheet conformation in which alternating residues point their side chains above and below the macrocycle.

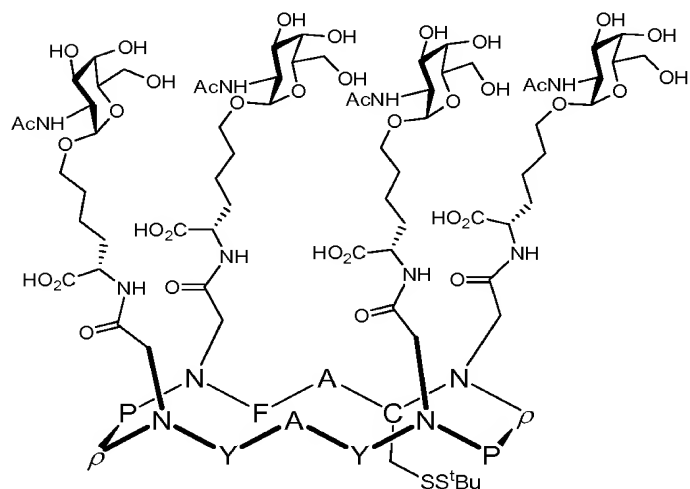
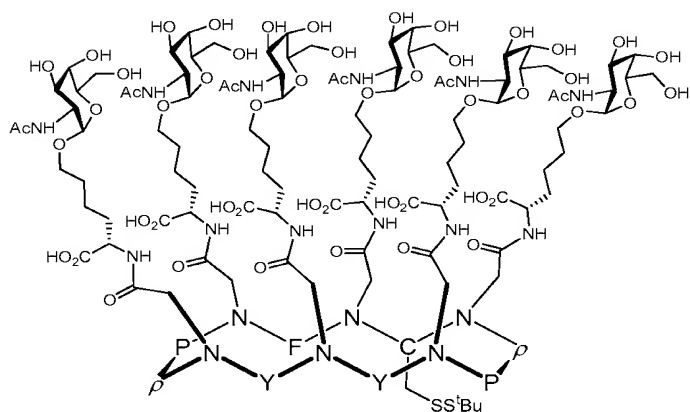
61. The construct of claim 60, wherein all amino acids bearing a carbohydrate domain point their side chains in the same direction.

62. The construct of claim 51 or 52, further comprising a carrier.

63. The construct of claim 62, wherein the carrier is covalently conjugated to the cyclic peptide via the cysteine moiety.

64. The construct of claim 51, wherein the construct is selected from:





65. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a construct of any one of claims 1 through 64 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

66. A method comprising the step of:

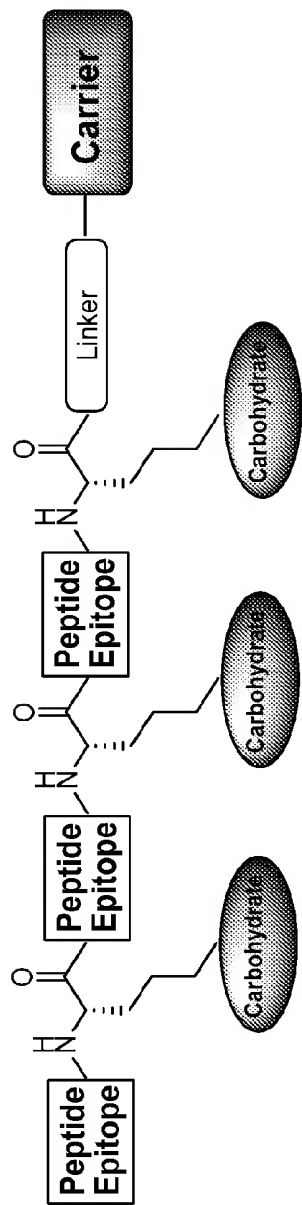
administering to a subject suffering from or susceptible to one or more proliferative diseases a pharmaceutical composition comprising:

a therapeutically effective amount of a construct of anyone of claims 1-64; and

at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

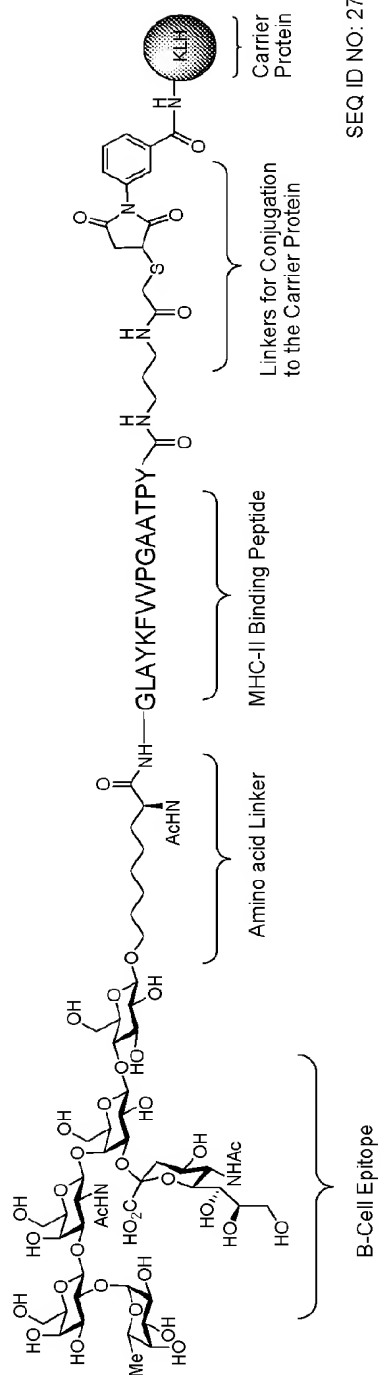
67. The method of claim 66, wherein the proliferative disease is cancer.
68. The method of claim 67, wherein the cancer is a solid tumor.
69. The method of claim 67, wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of colon cancer, lung cancer, bone cancer, pancreatic cancer, stomach cancer, esophageal cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer, liver cancer, ovarian cancer, cervical cancer, uterine cancer, testicular cancer, prostate cancer, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, neuroendocrine cancer, breast cancer, gastric cancer, eye cancer, gallbladder cancer, laryngeal cancer, oral cancer, penile cancer, glandular tumors, rectal cancer, small intestine cancer, sarcoma, carcinoma, melanoma, urethral cancer, and vaginal cancer.
70. A method of eliciting antibodies in a subject comprising administering to the subject a construct of any one of claims 1 through 64 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.
71. The method of claim 66 or 70, further comprising an adjuvant.
72. The method of claim 71, wherein the adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of *Salmonella minnesota* cells, bacille Calmette-Guerin, GPI-0100, and QS-21.

Figure 1



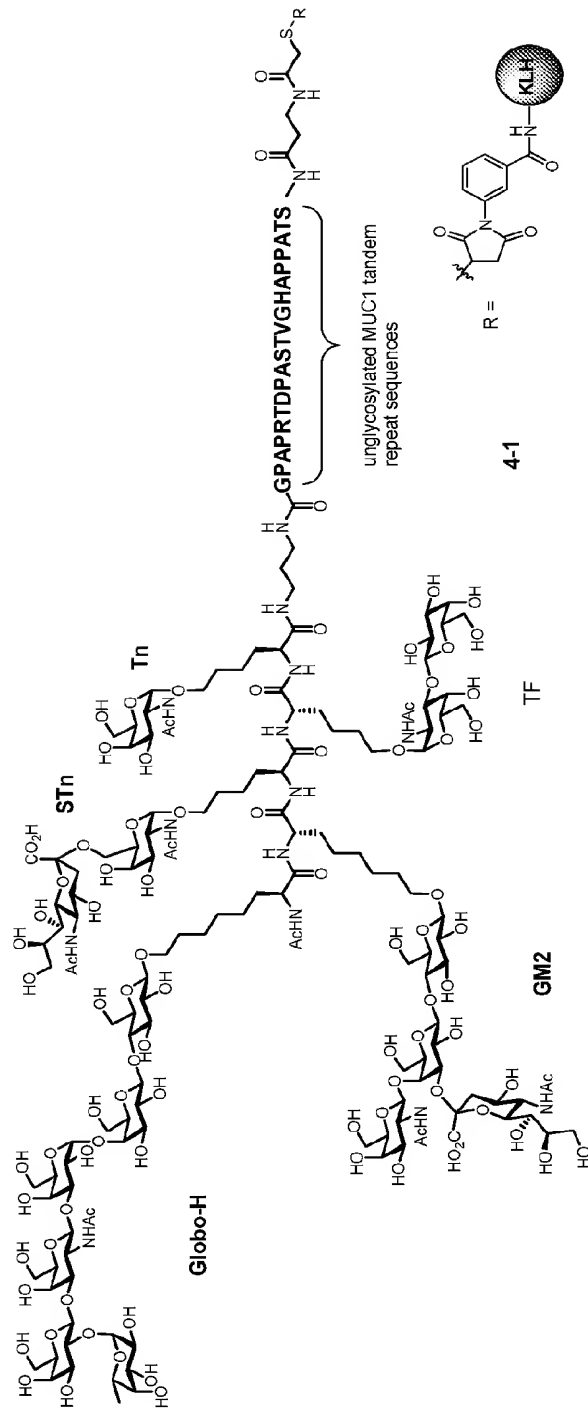
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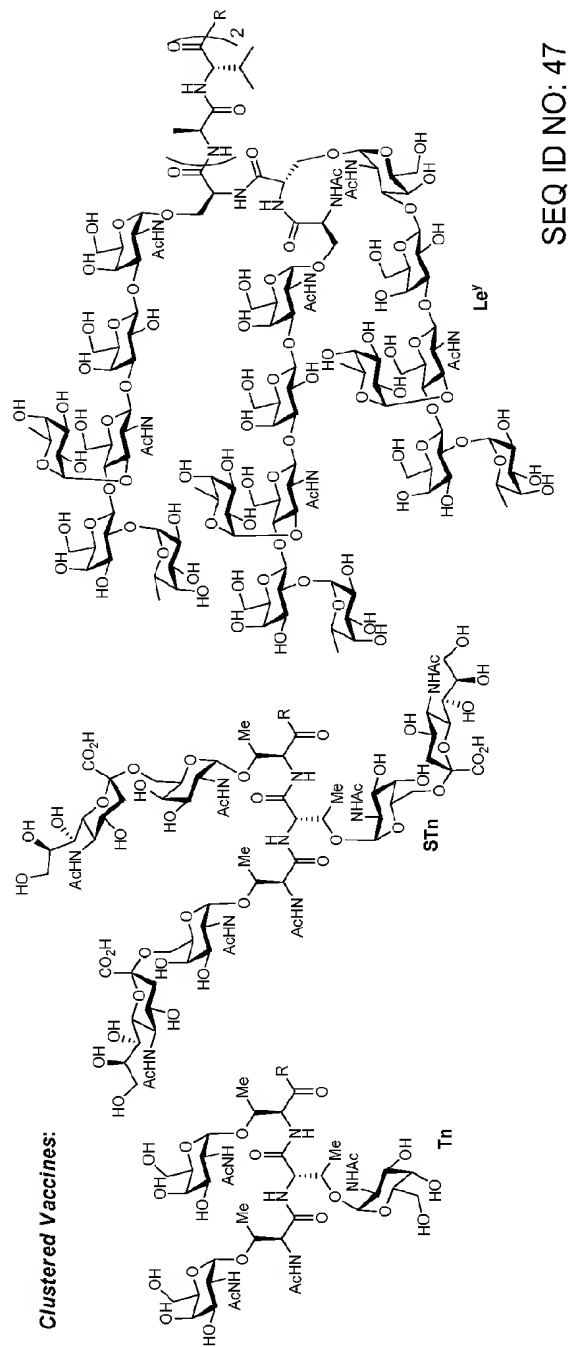
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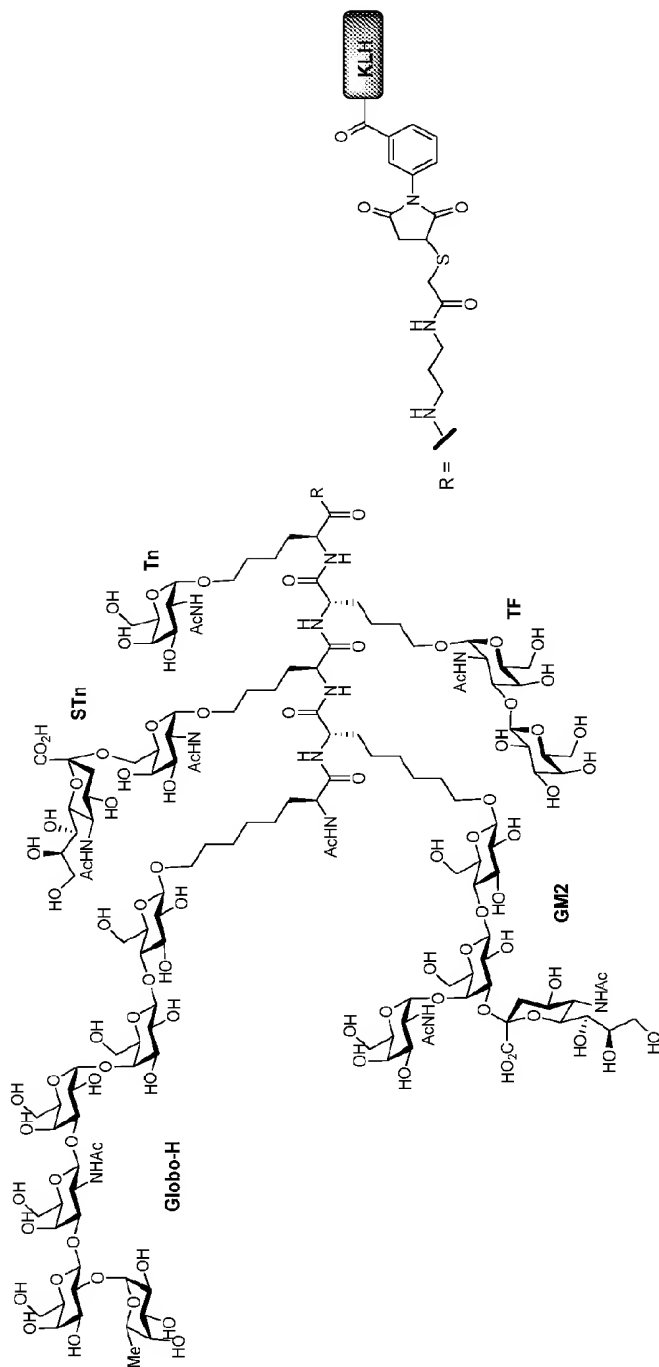
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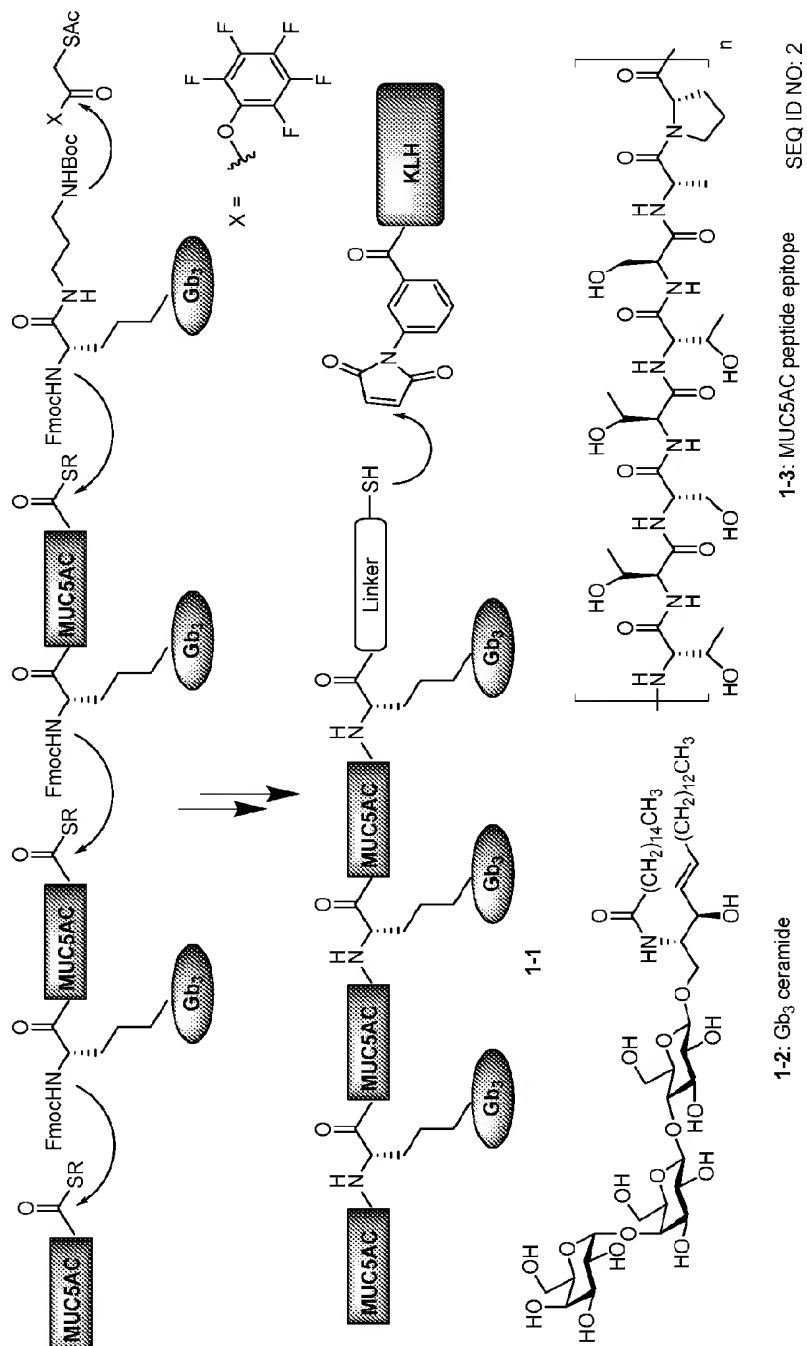


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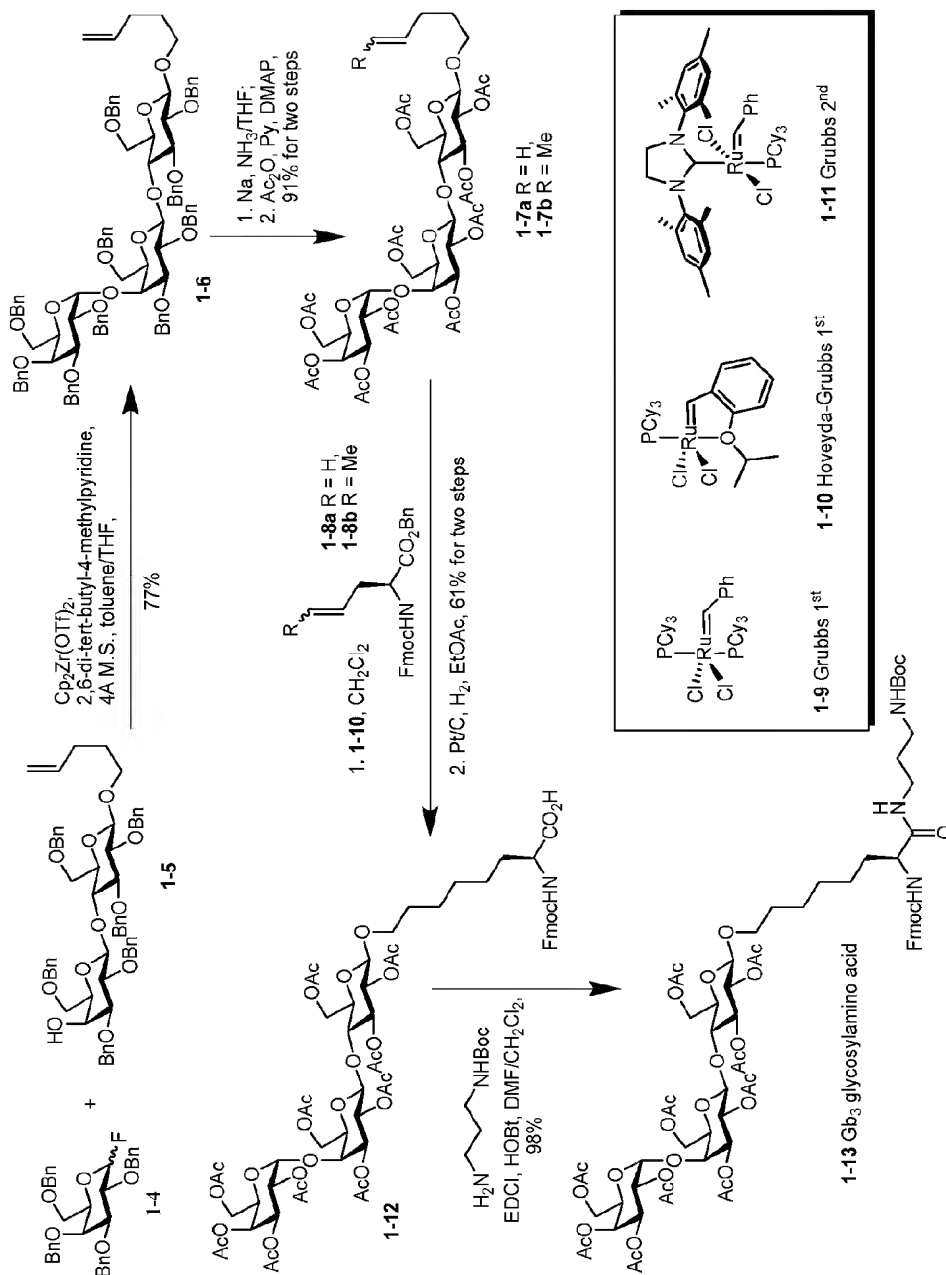
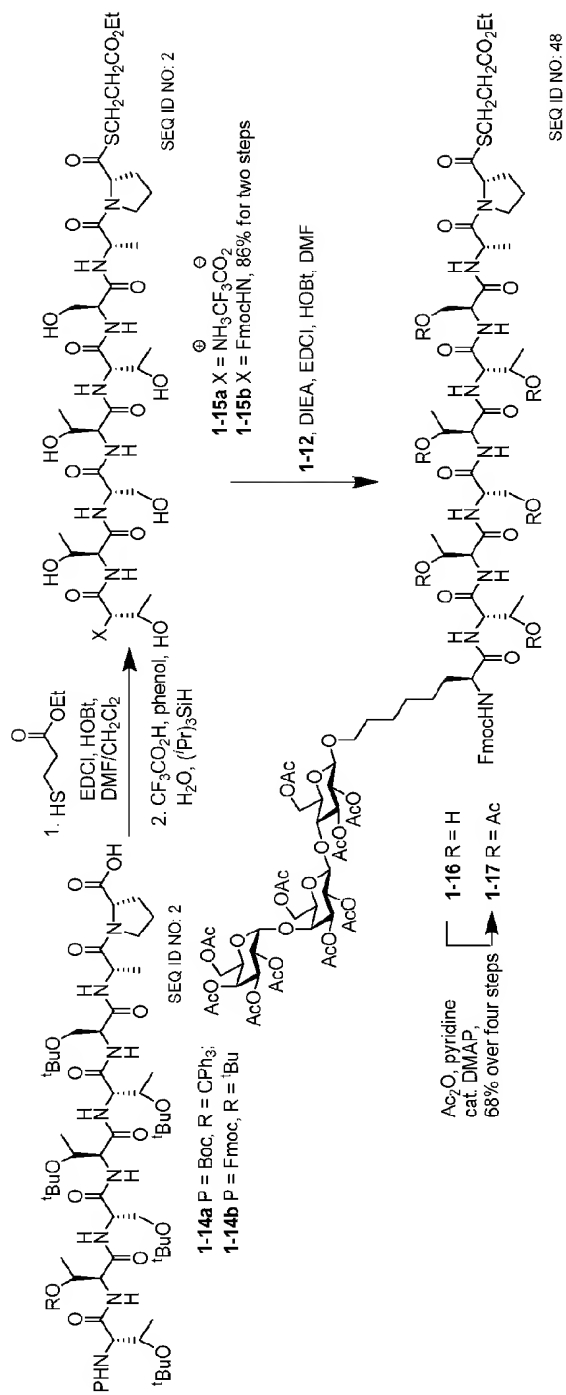


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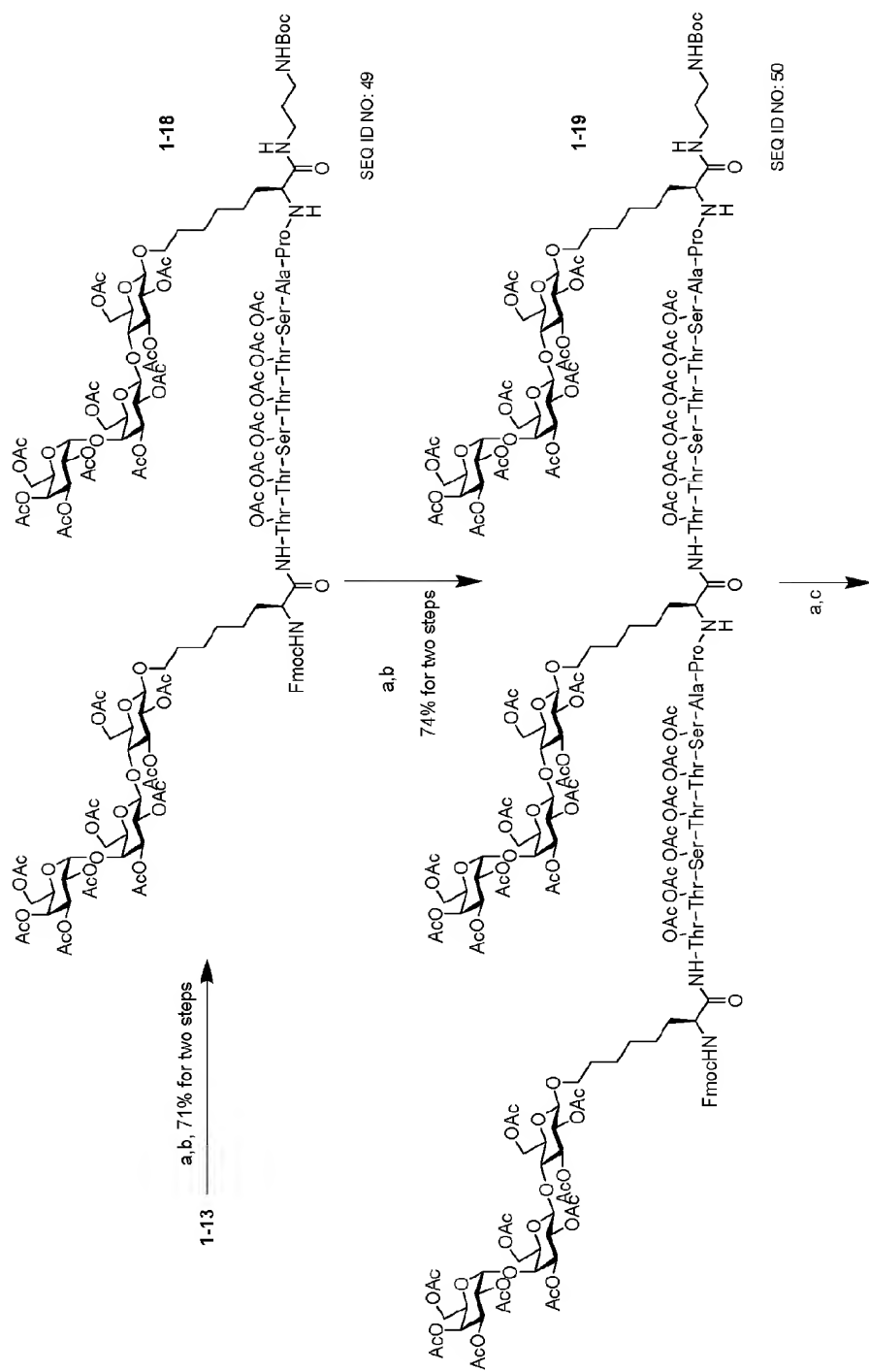
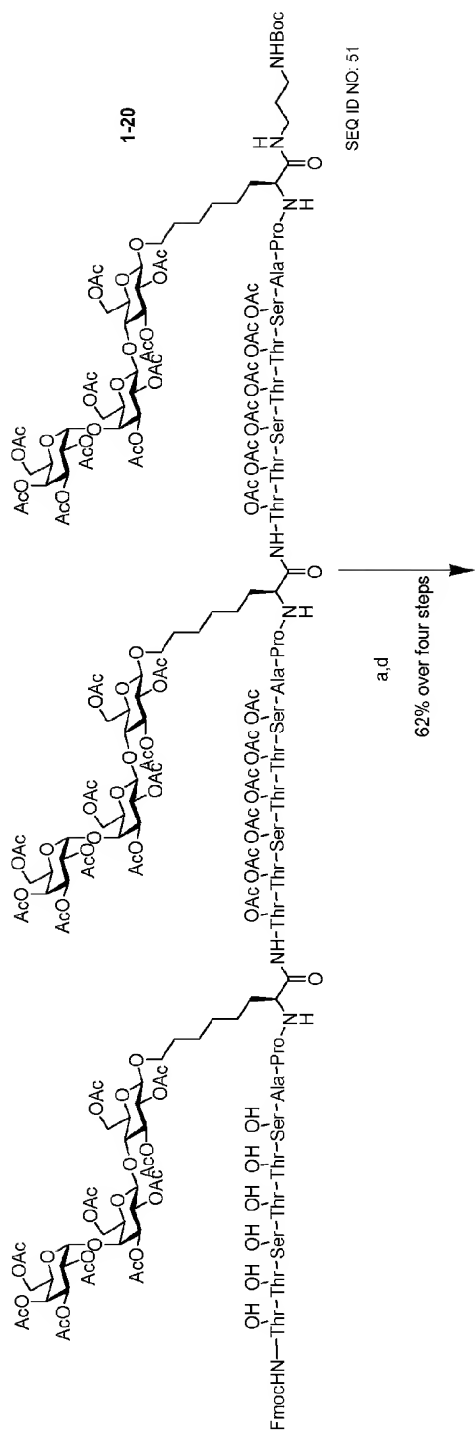


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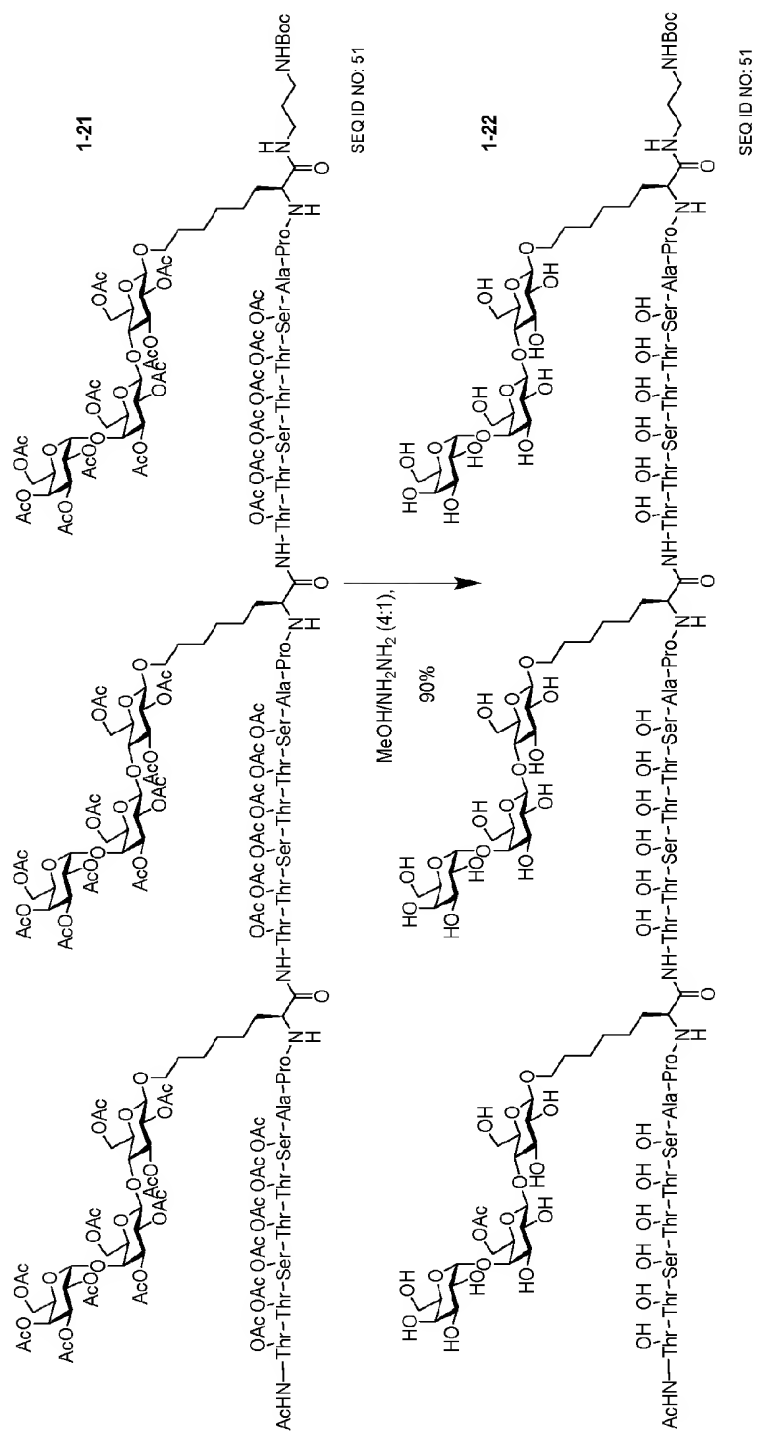


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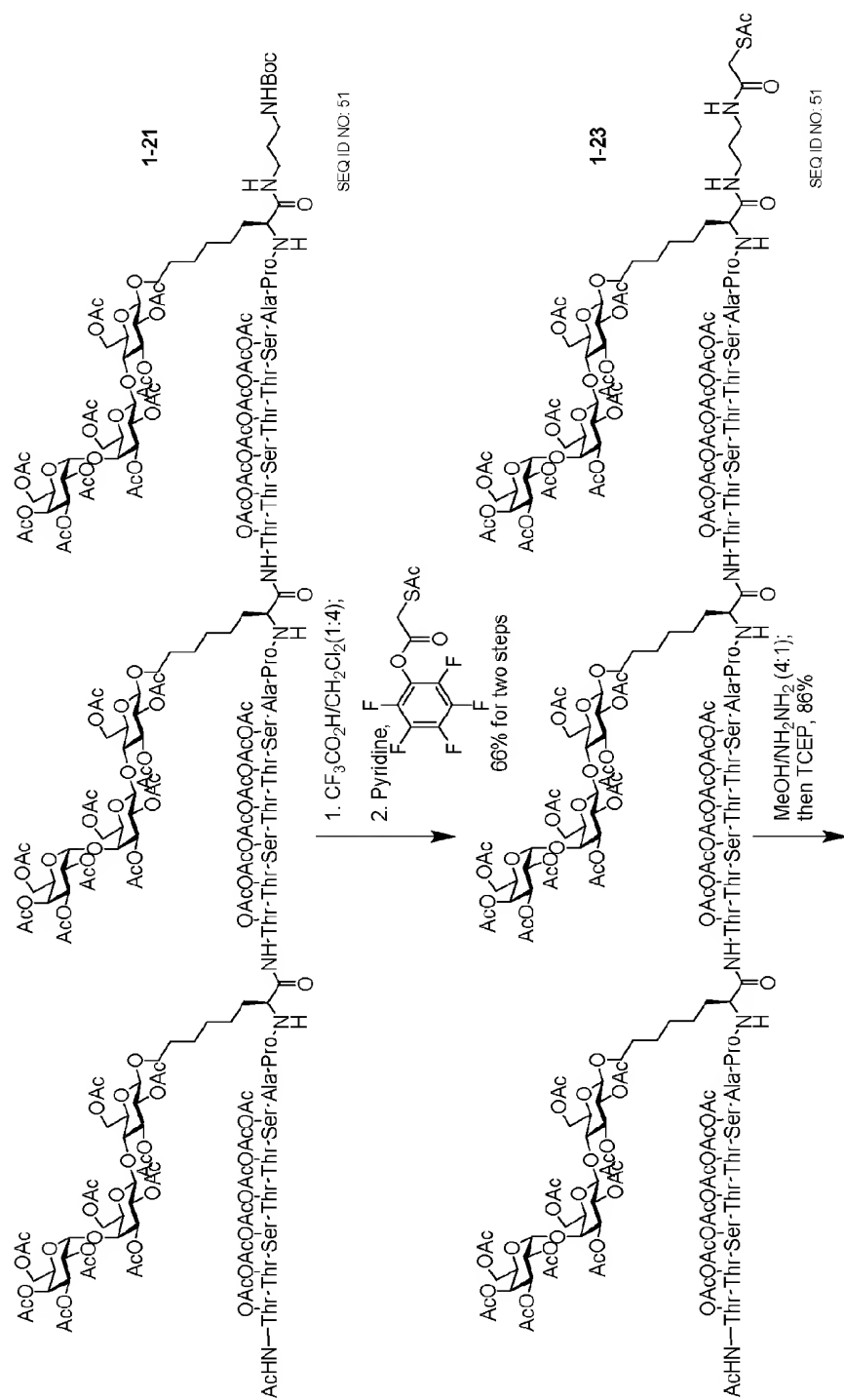
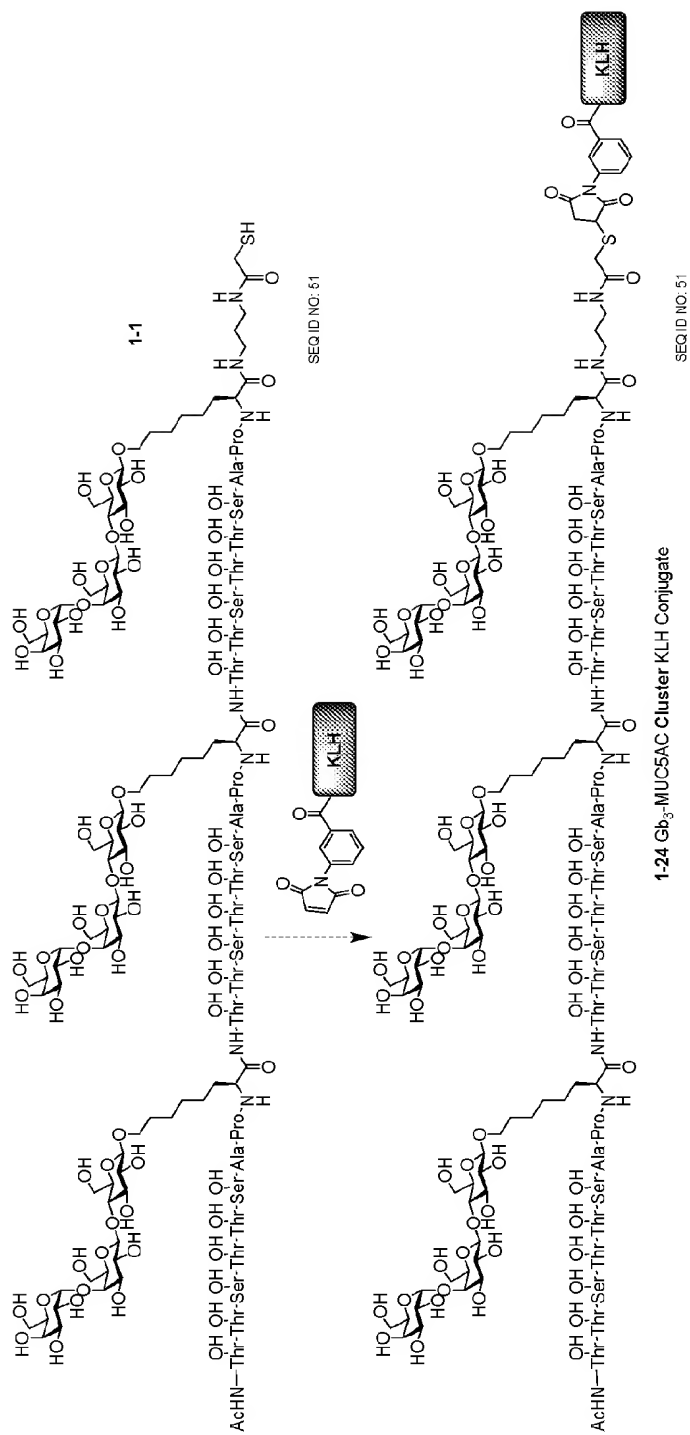
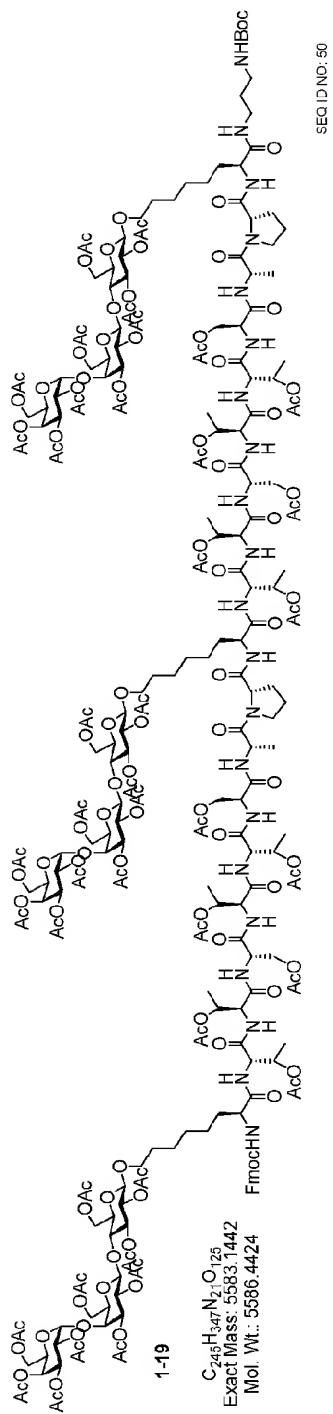


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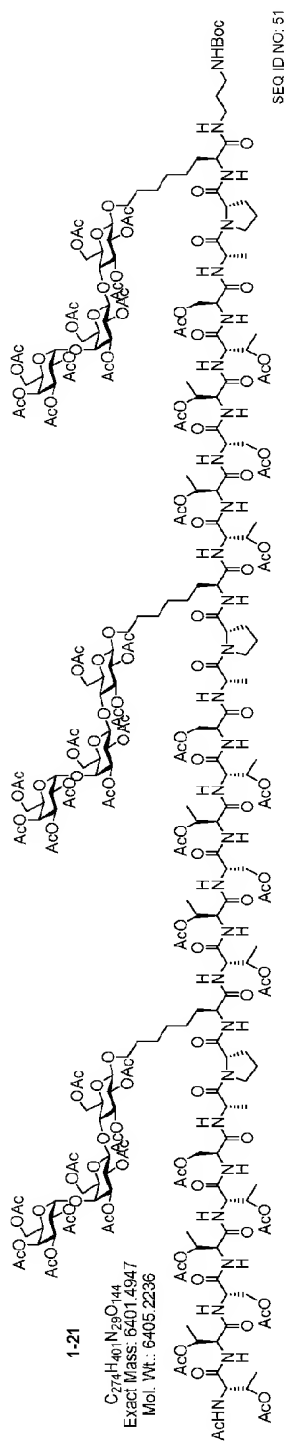
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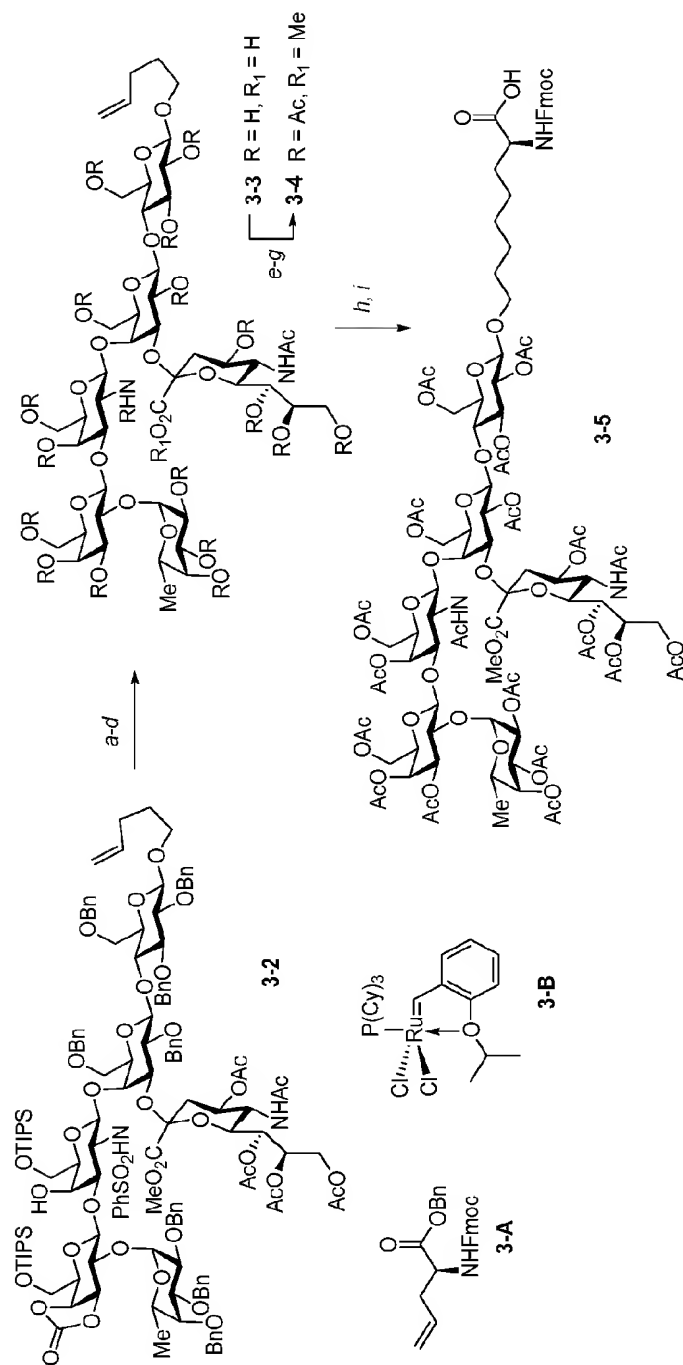
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Figure 11b



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Figure 12



(a) TBAF, AcOH, THF; (b) NaOMe, MeOH; (c) NaOH, THF; (d) Na, NH₃, THF; (e) Ac₂O, DMAP, Py; (f) DMAP, NaOMe; (g) Ac₂O, DMAP, Py; 56% (7 steps); (h) 3-A, 3-B, CH₂Cl₂, rt; (i) H₂, Pt/C, MeOH-H₂O; 49%, 2 steps.

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Figure 13

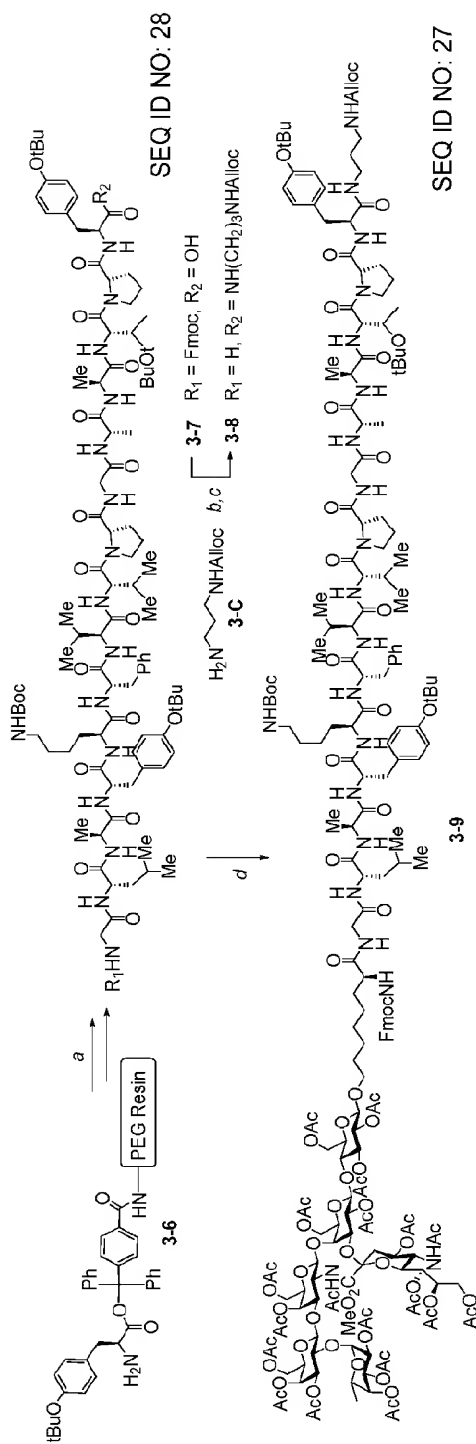
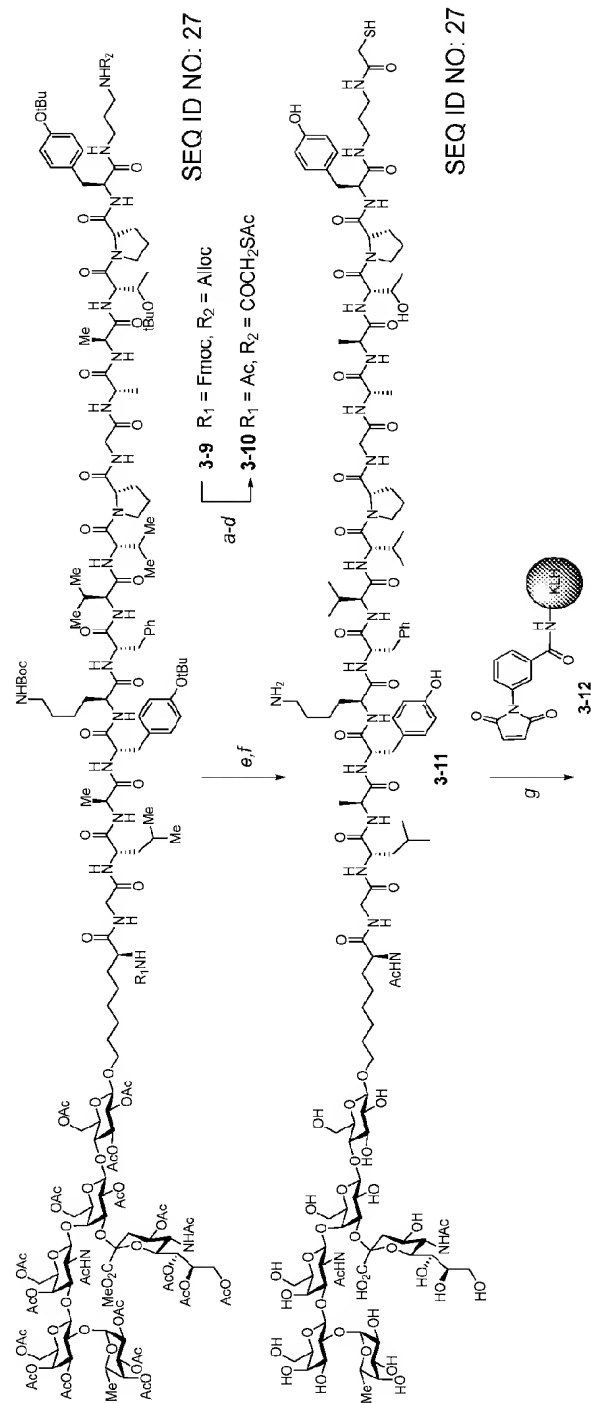


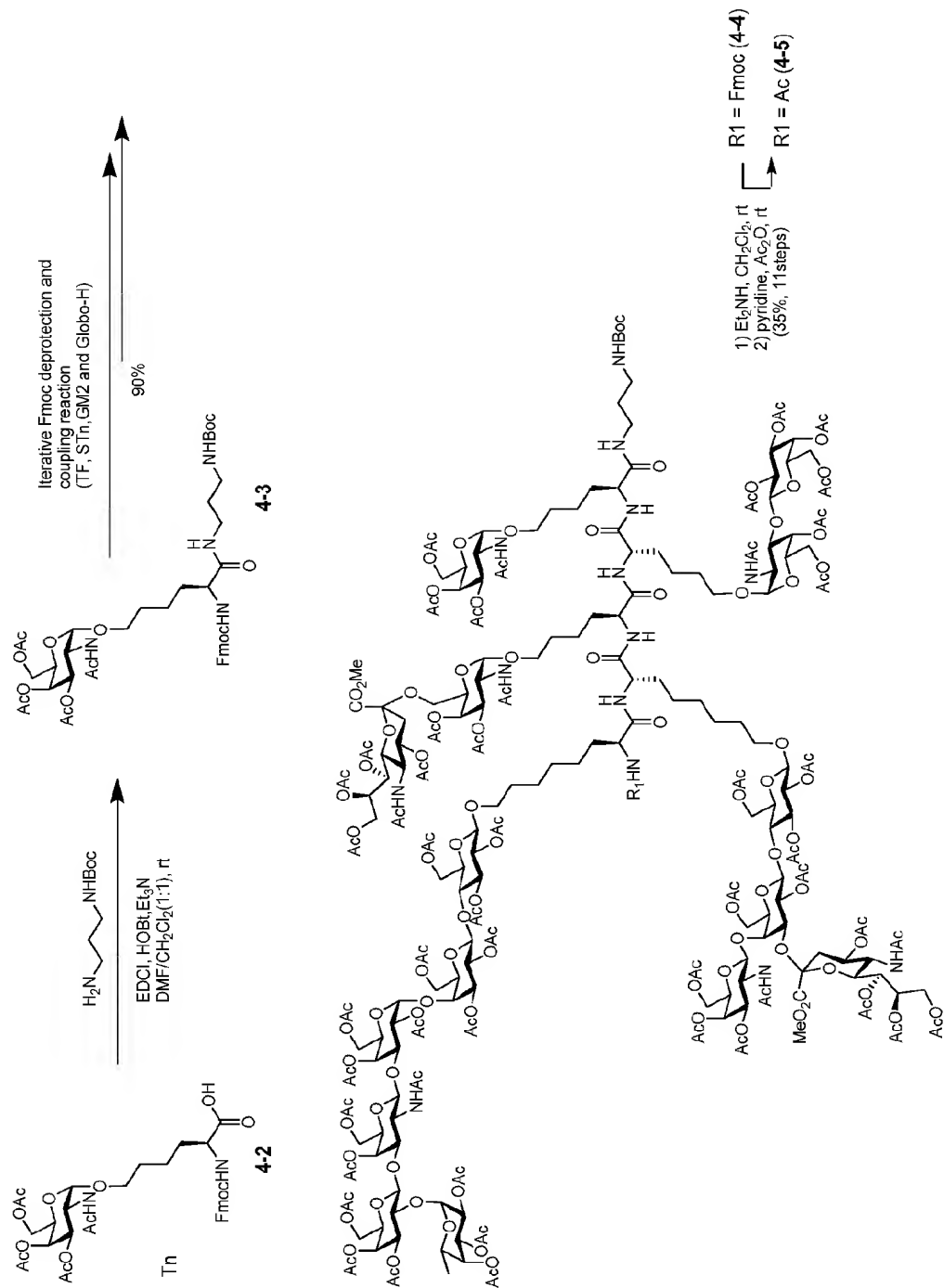
Figure 14



(a) Piperidine, DMF; (b) Ac_2O , Py; (c) $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$, PhSiH_3 , $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{DMF}$ (1:1); (d) SAMA-OPbf , TEA, Py; (e) $\text{TFA}/\text{PhOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{TIPS}$, (71% from **3-9**, 5 steps); (f) NaOH in $\text{MeOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\text{pH} = 10.5$, 19%; (g) i) TCEP gel, ii) PBS buffer, $\text{pH} = 7.2$, 0.9 M NaCl , 0.1 M EDTA.

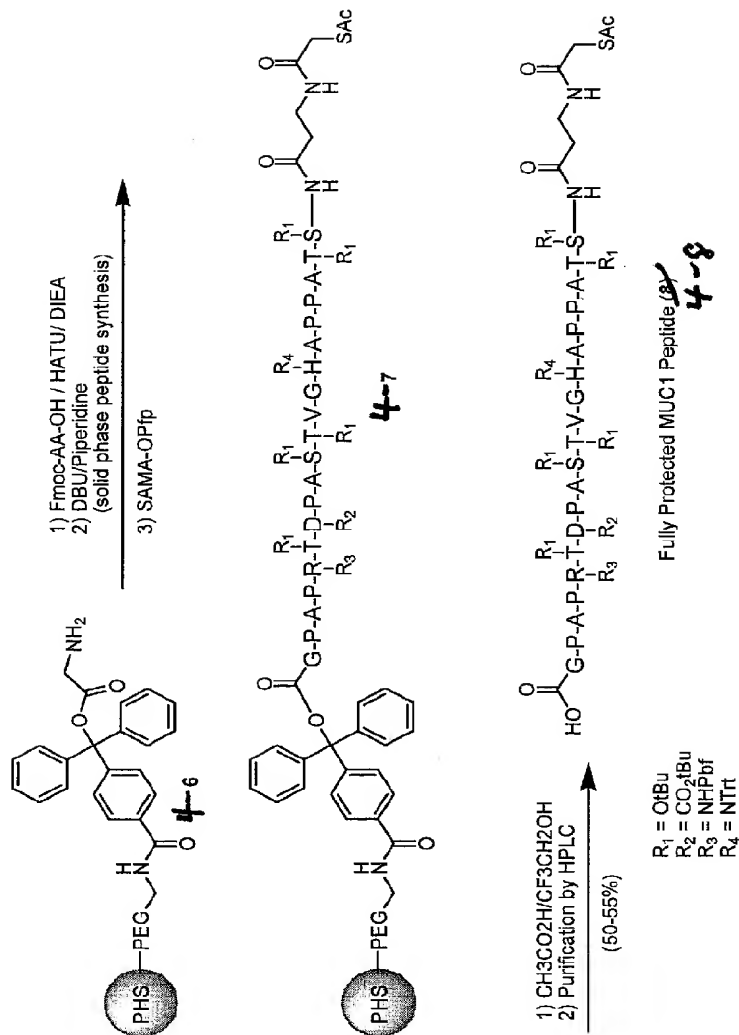
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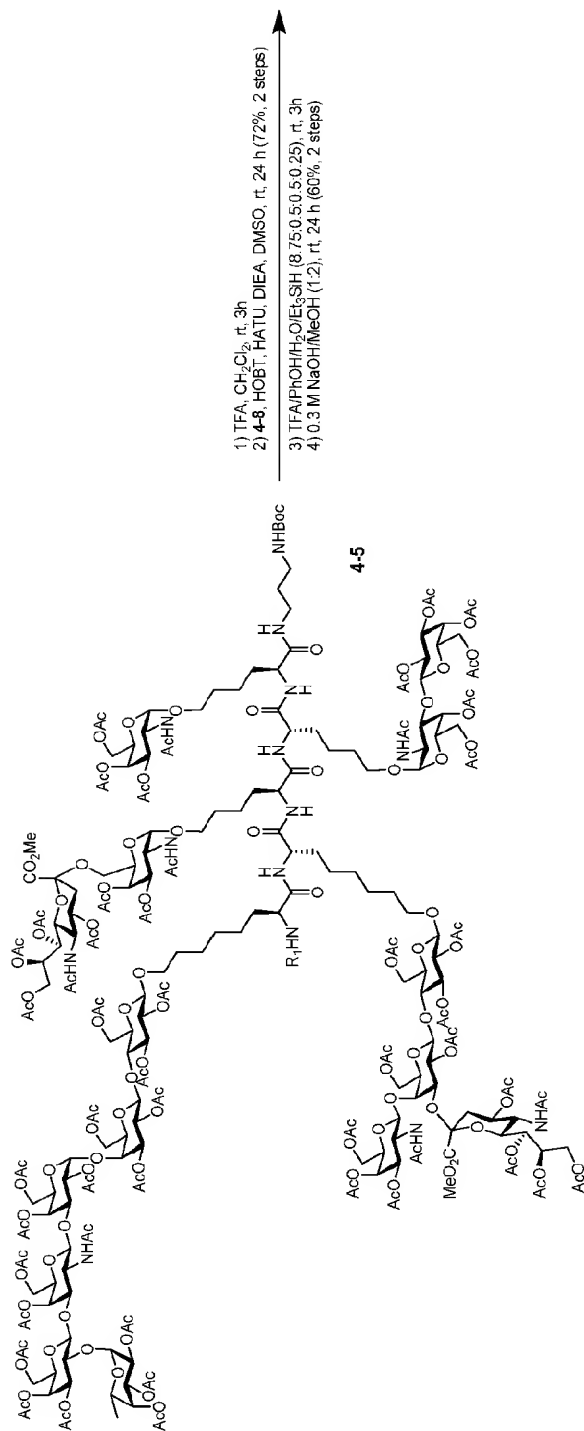


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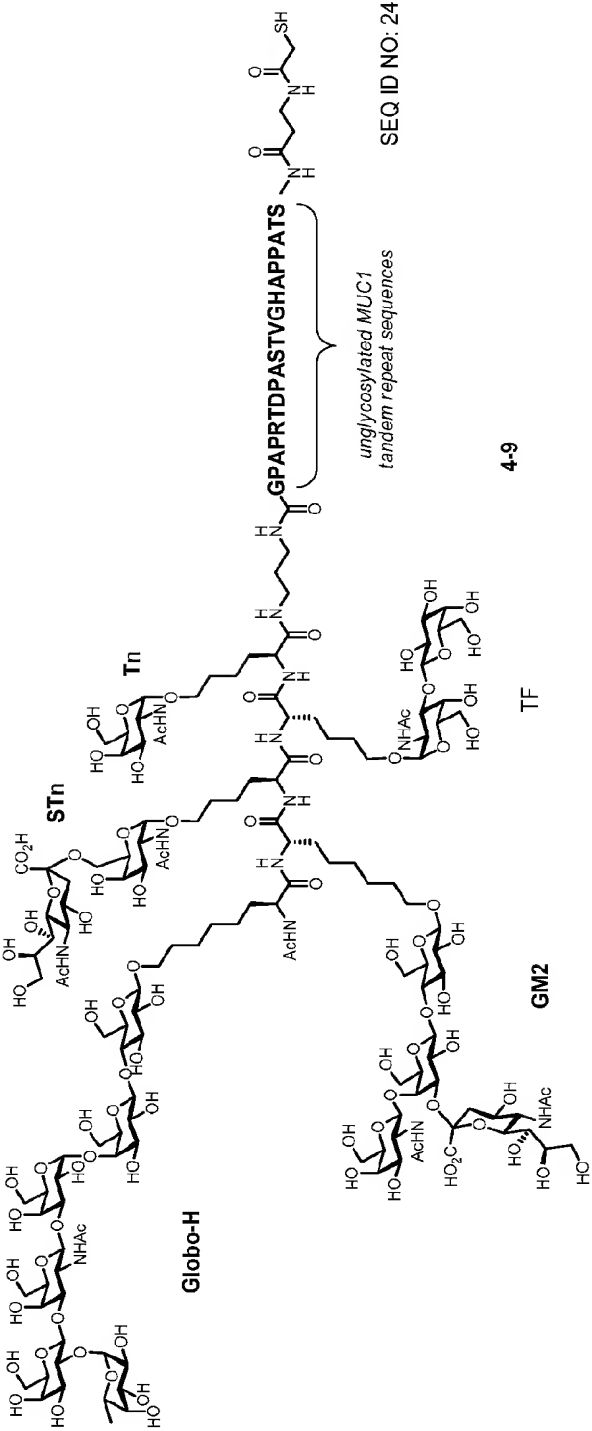


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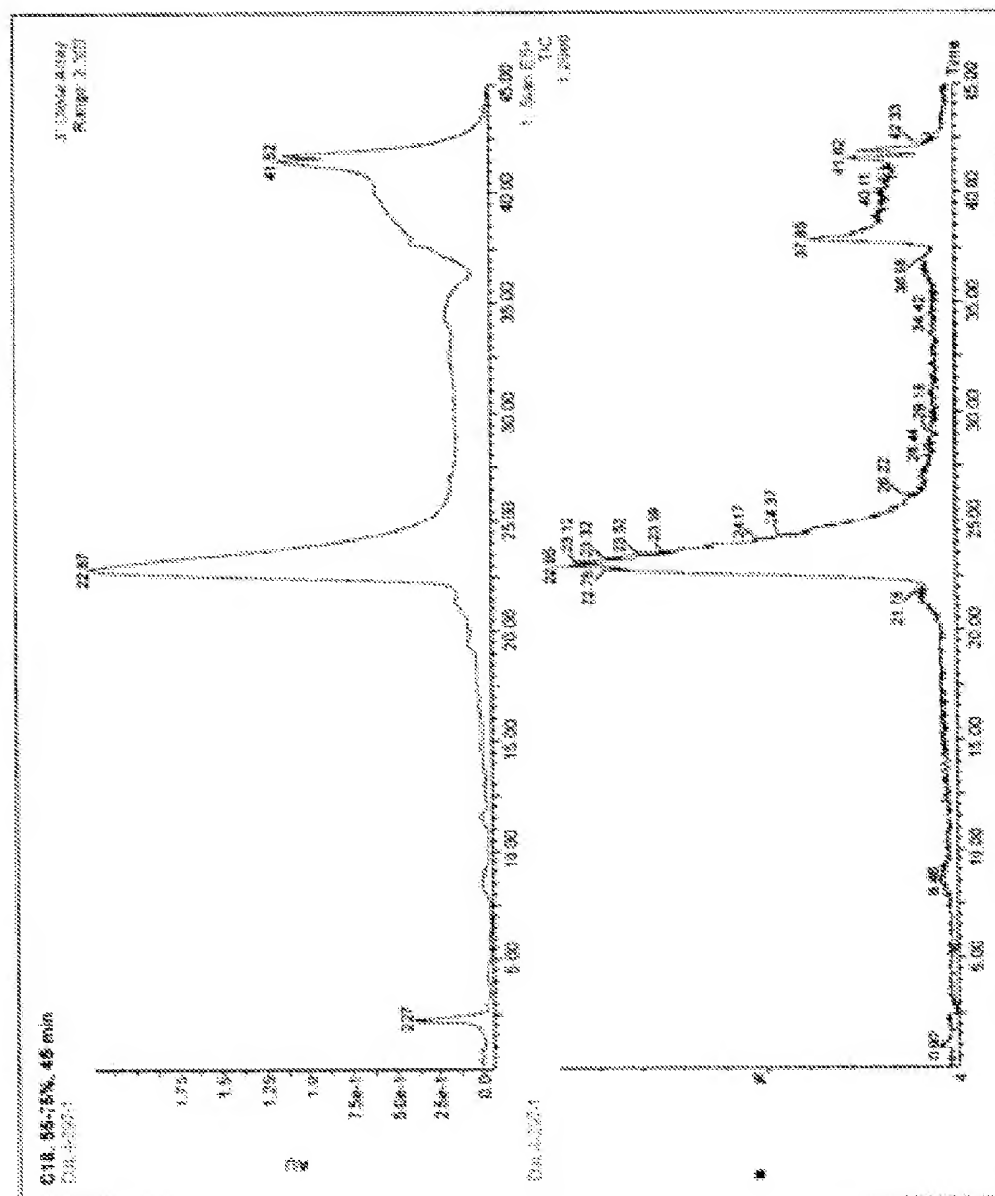


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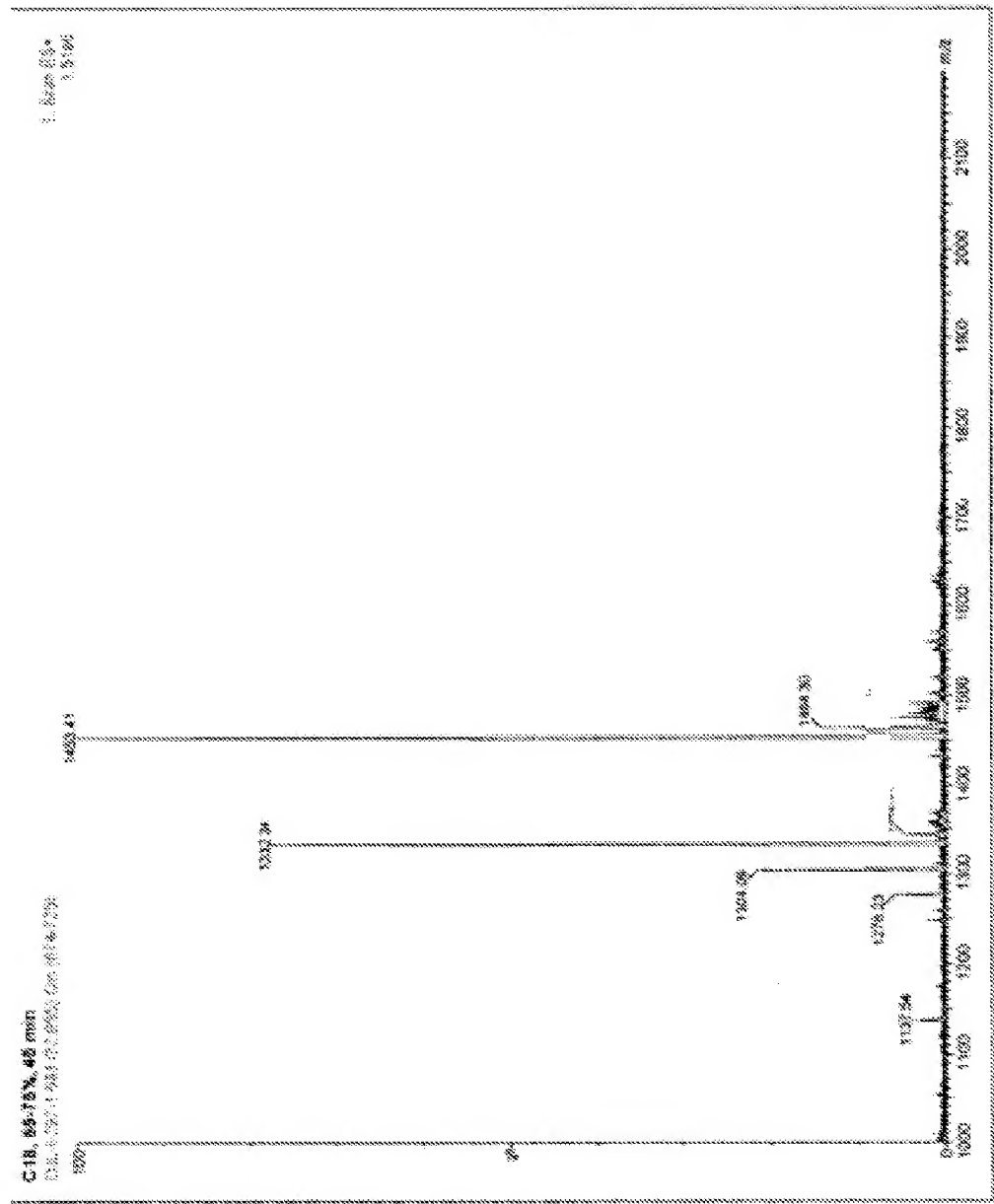
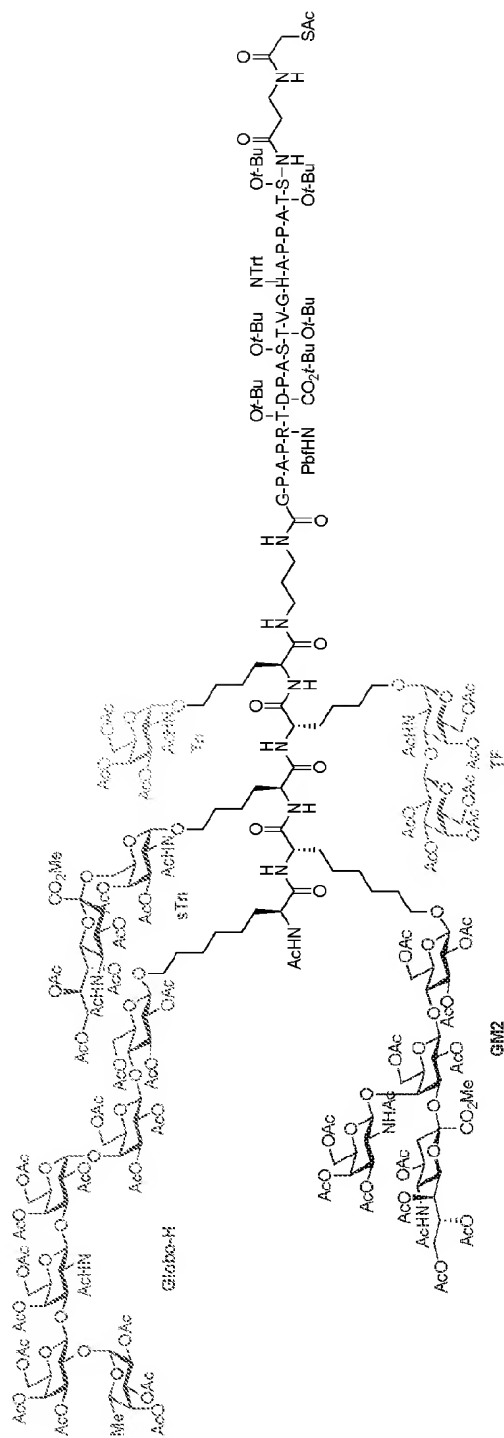


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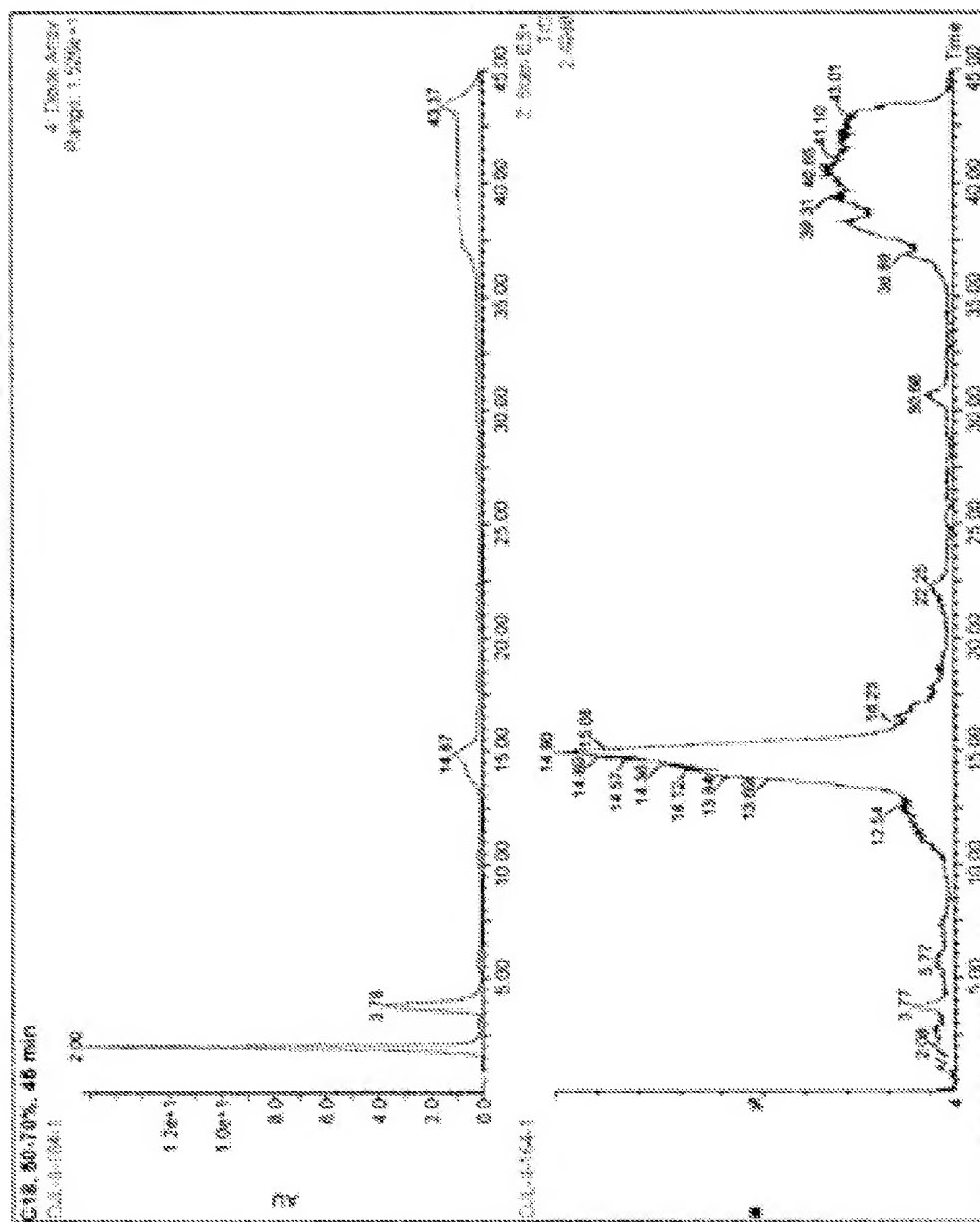


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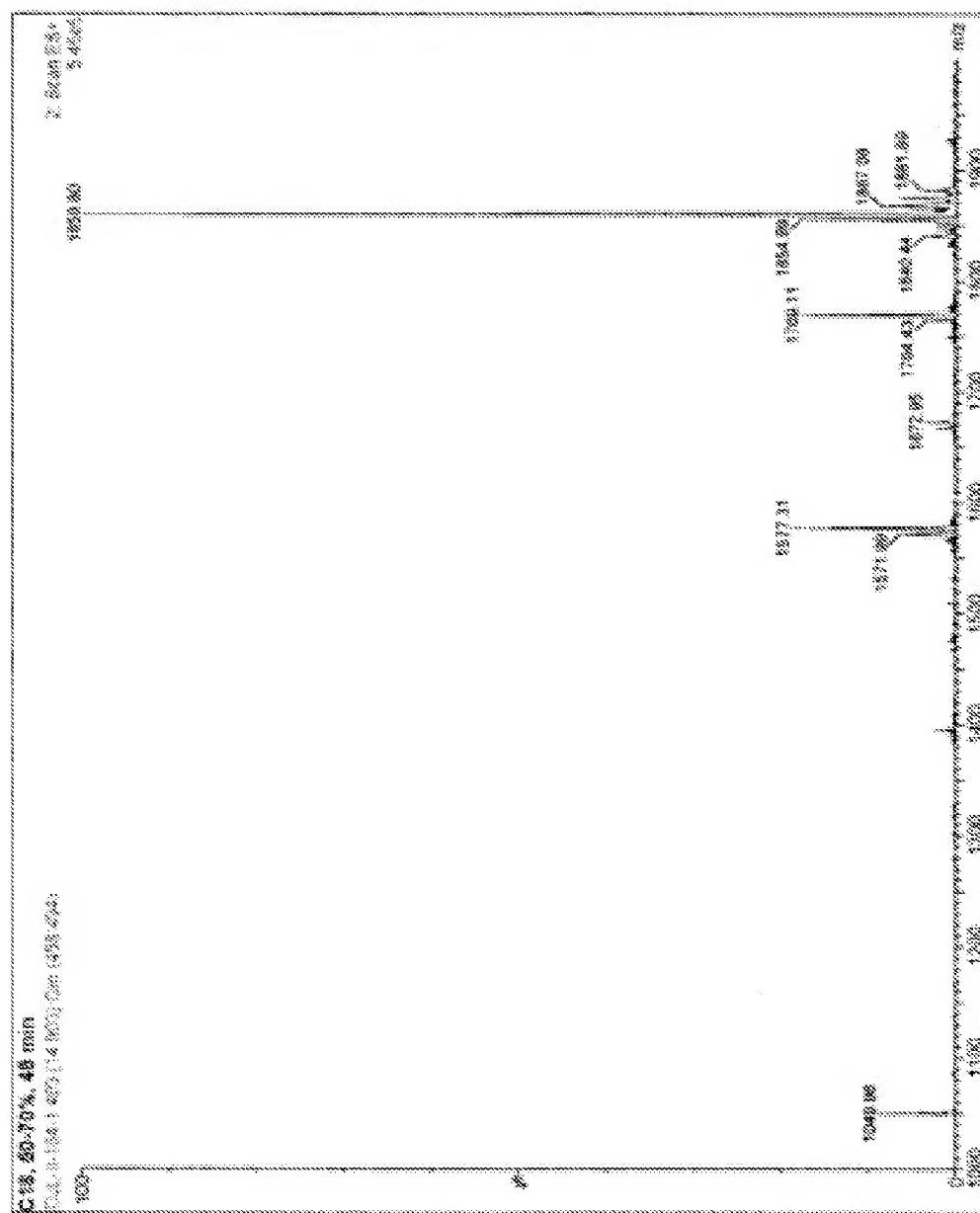
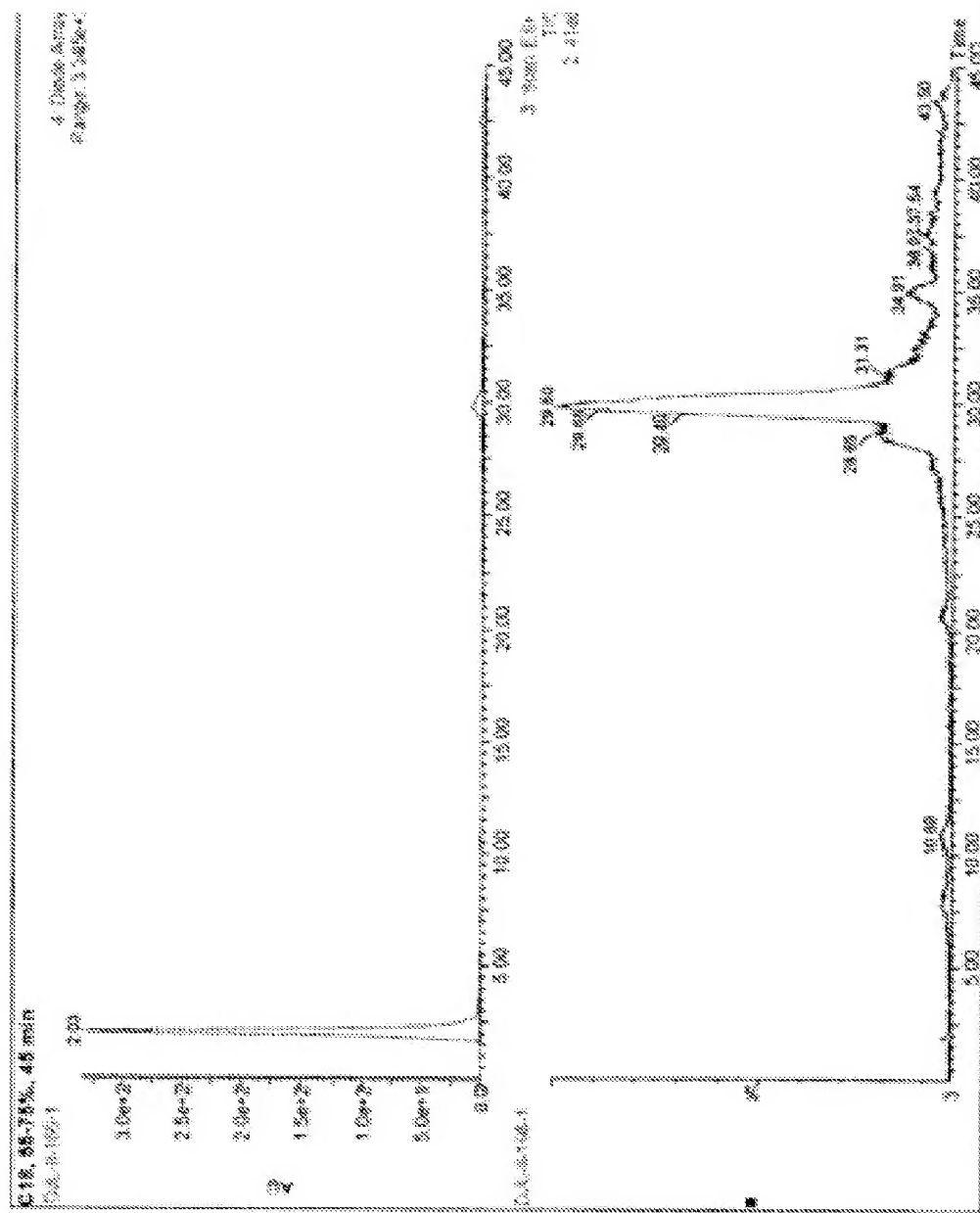


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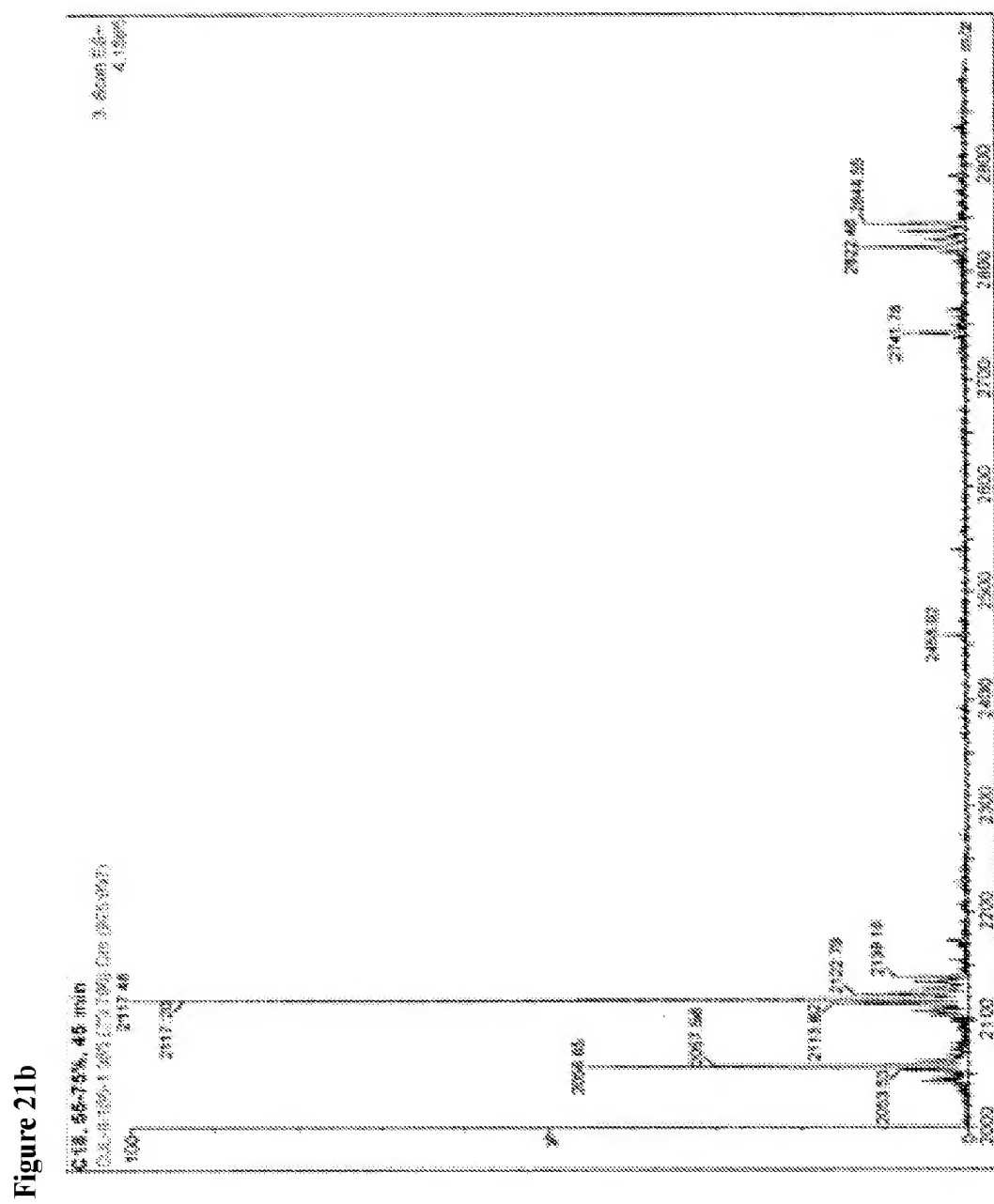
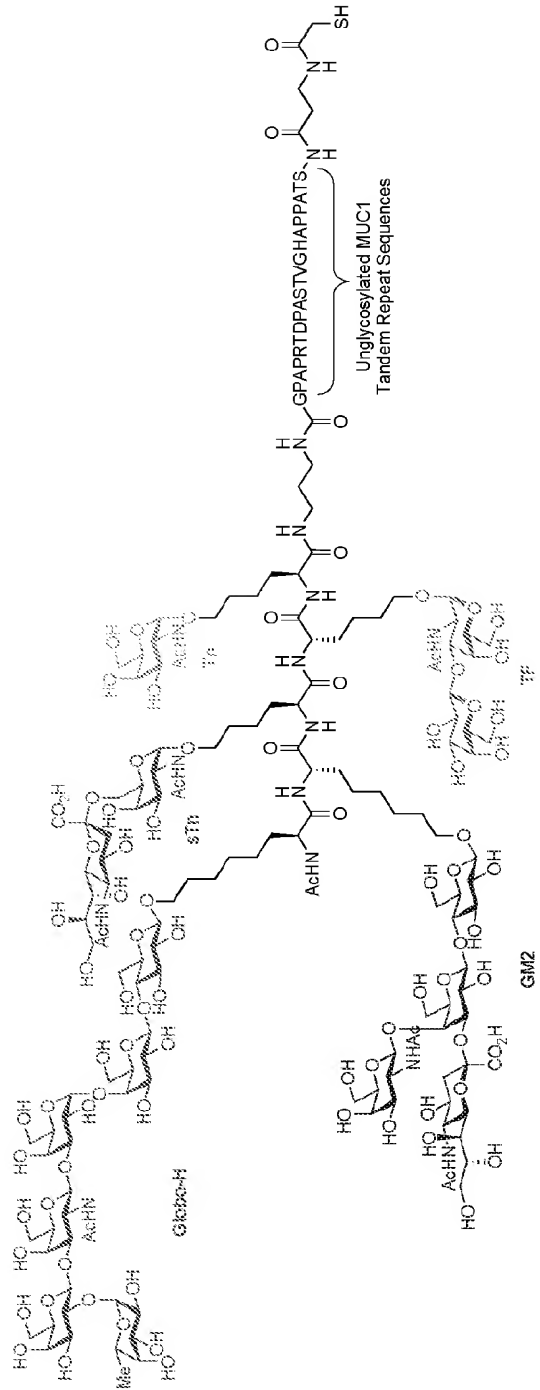


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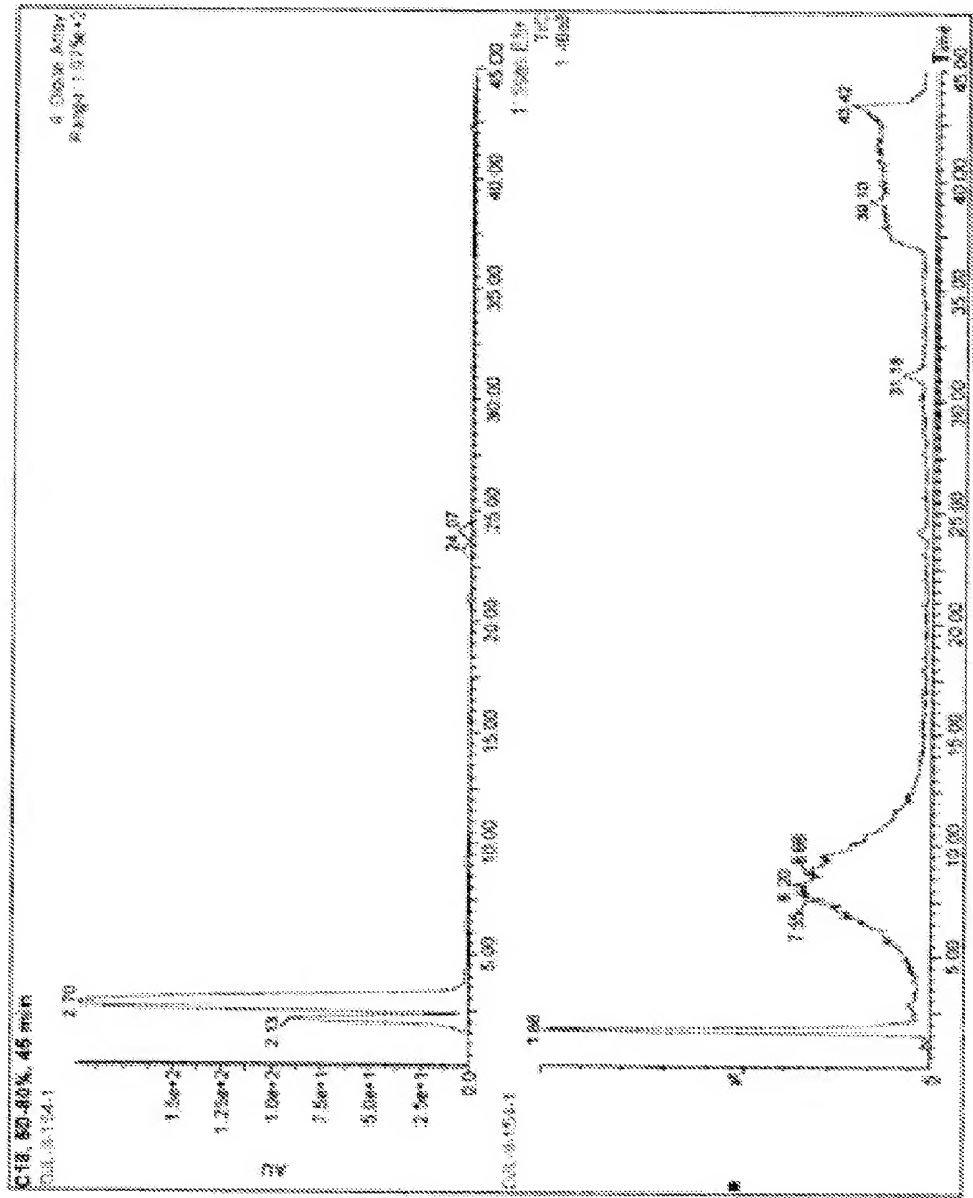
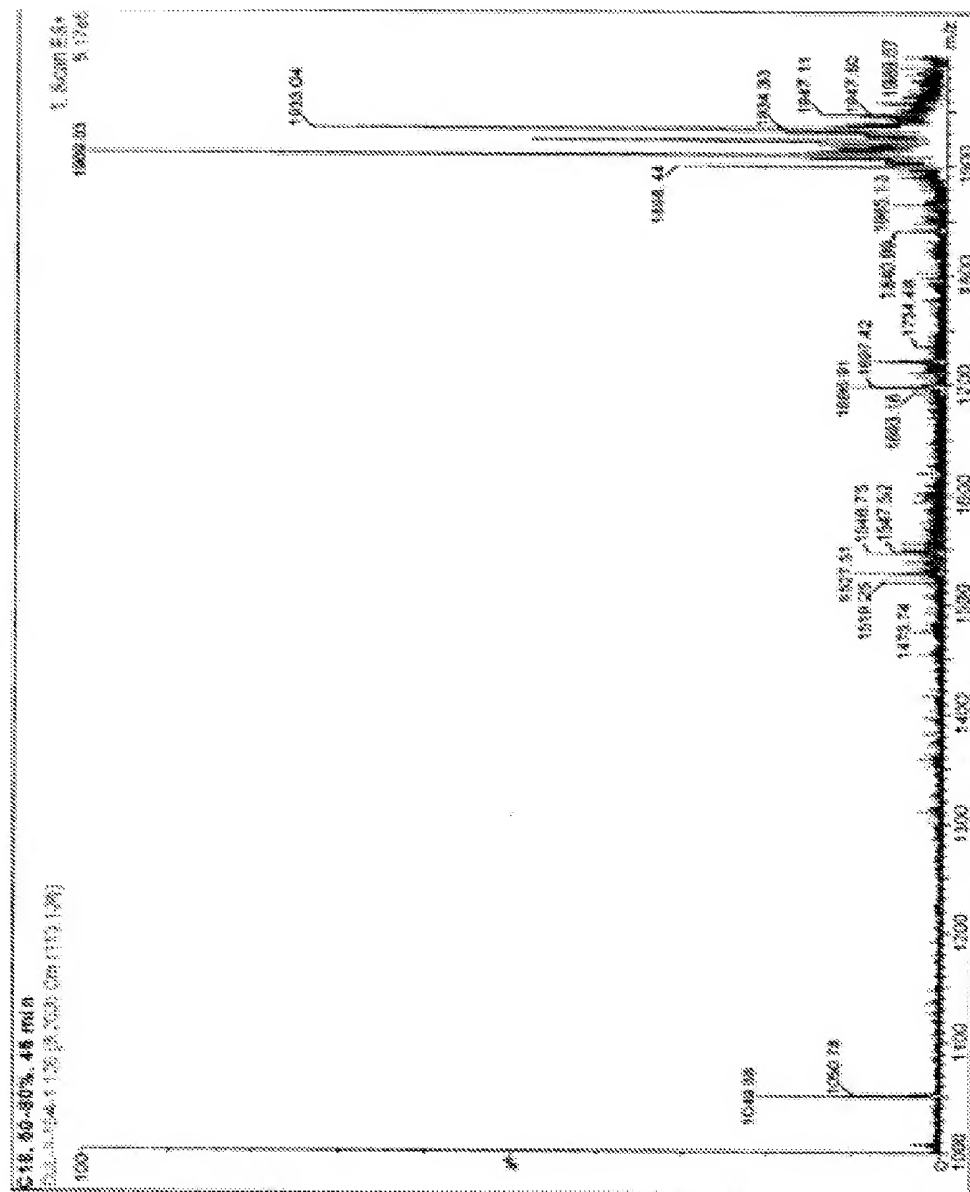
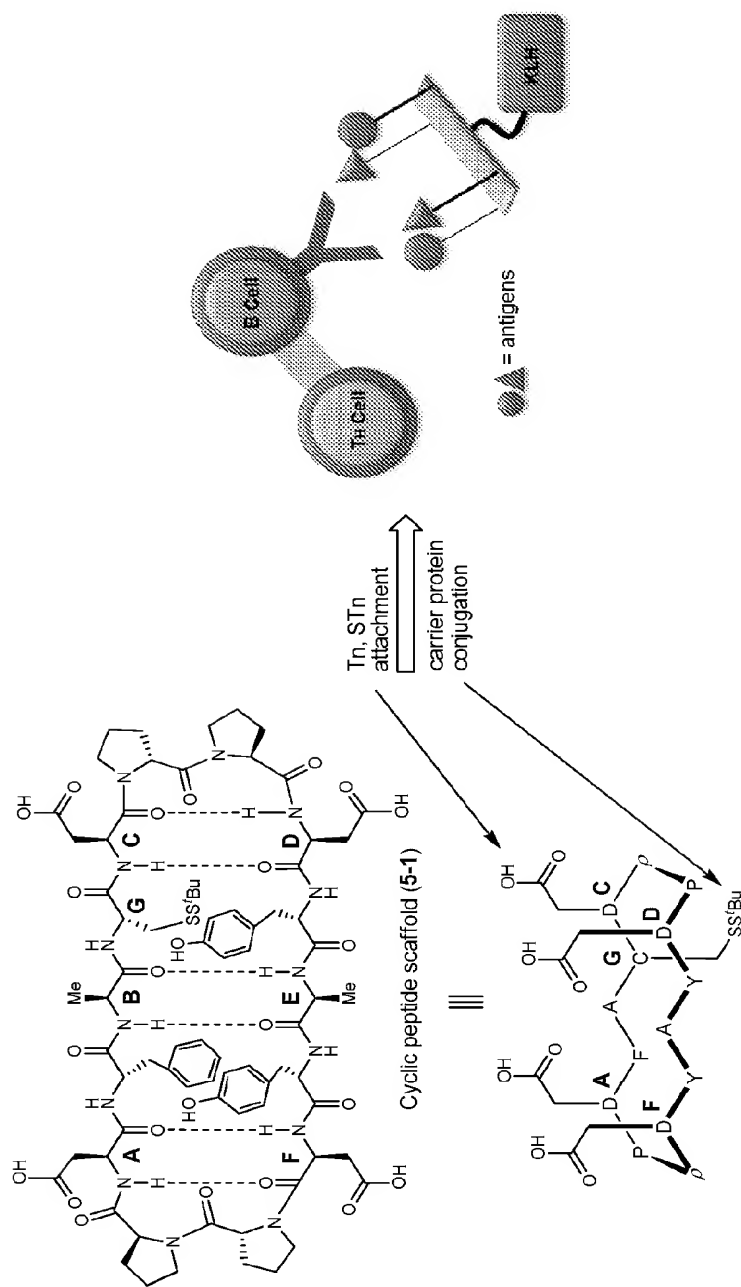


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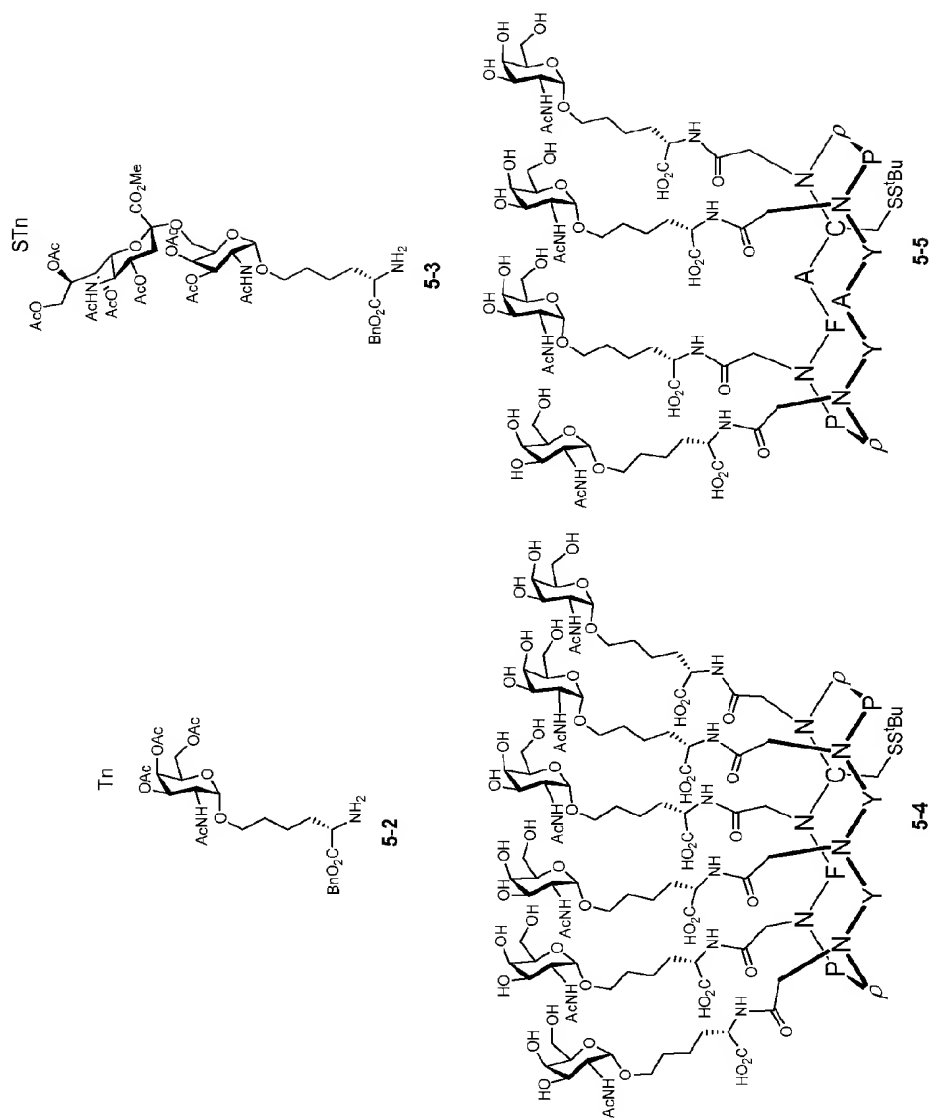
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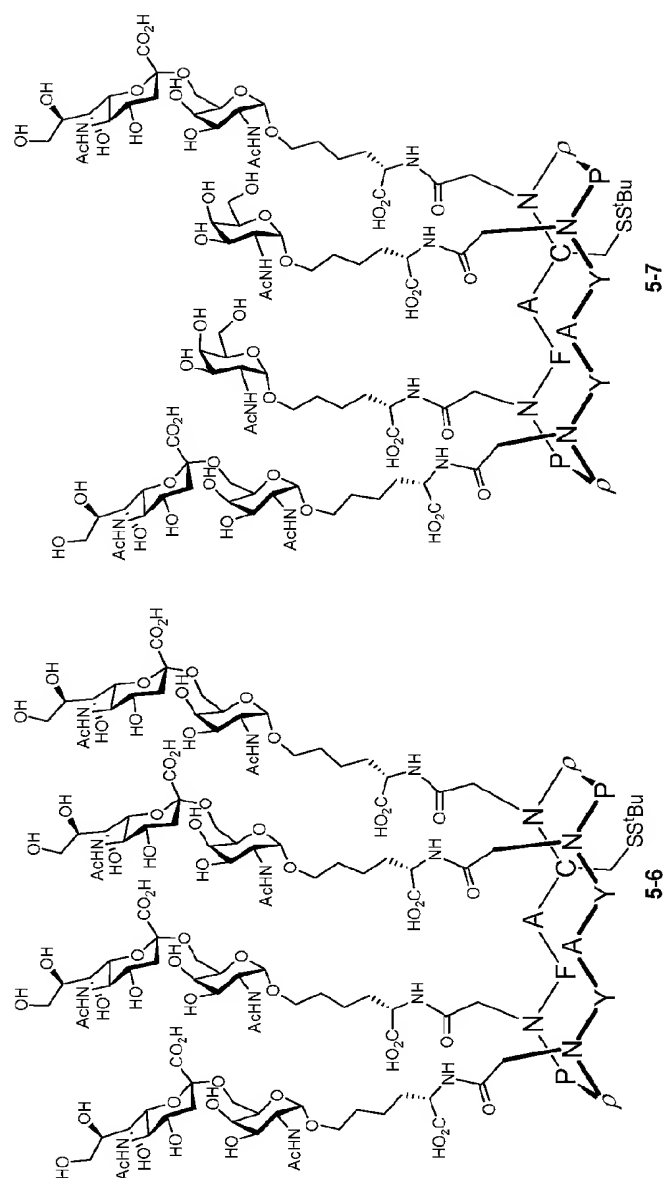
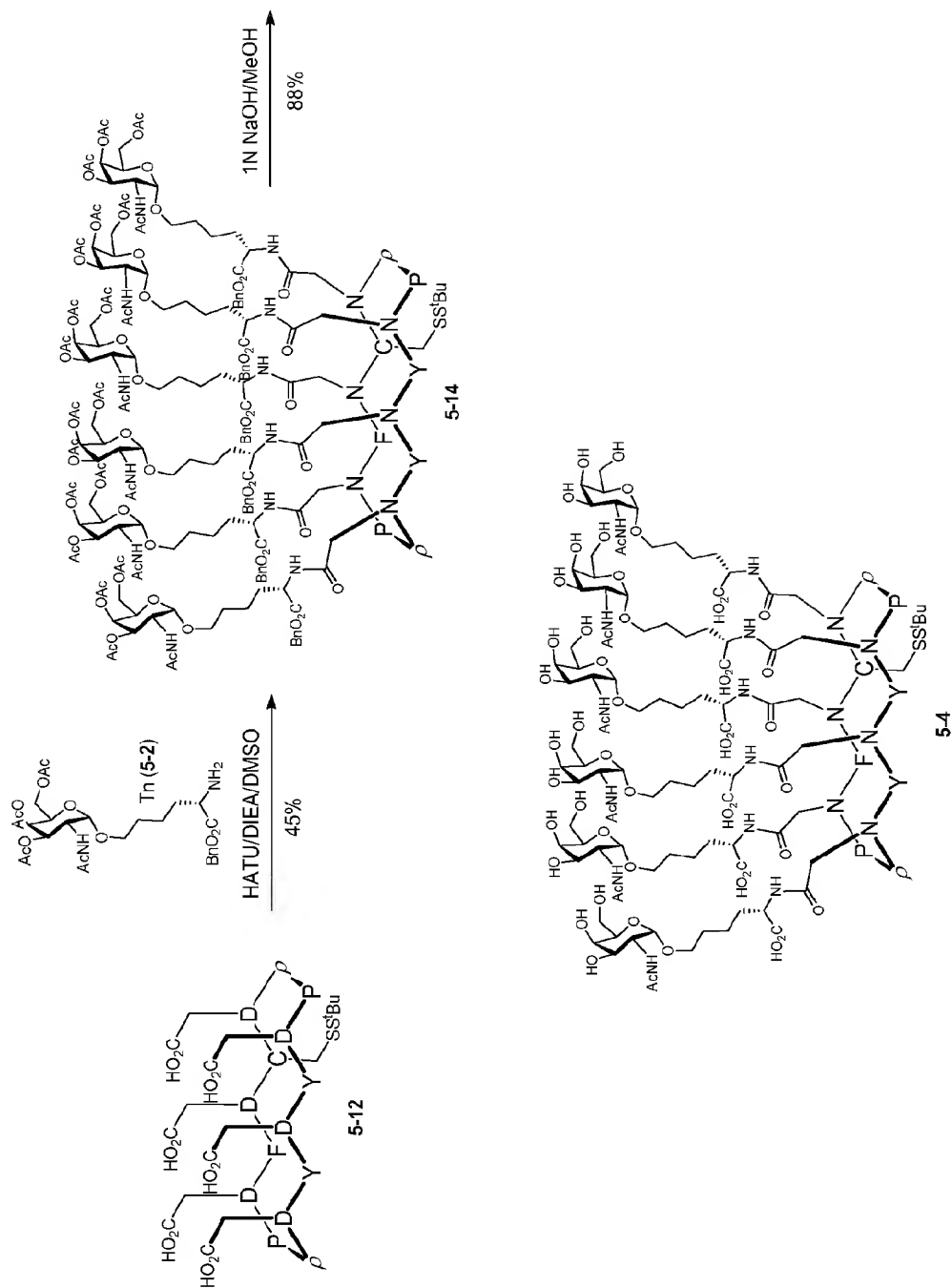


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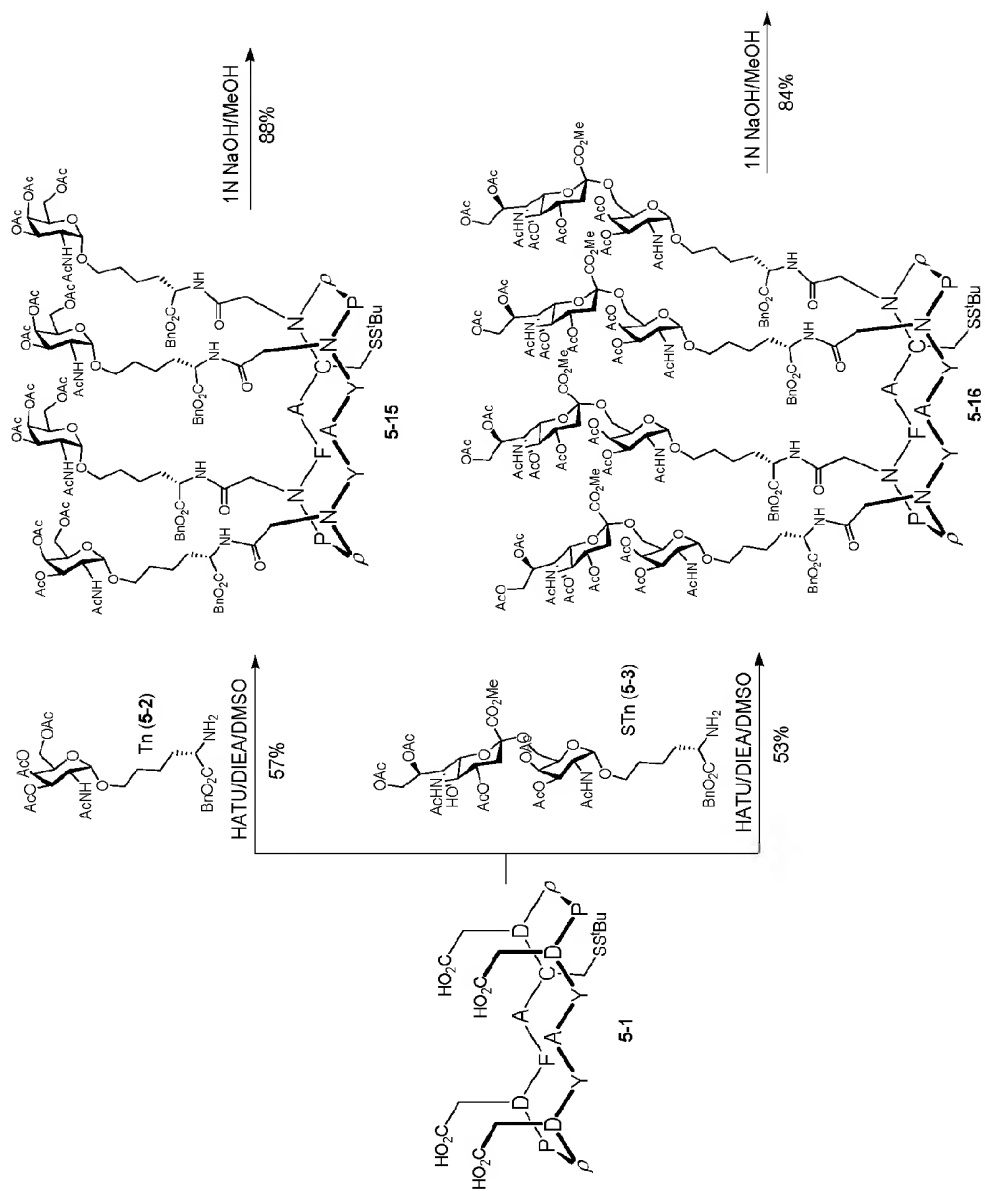
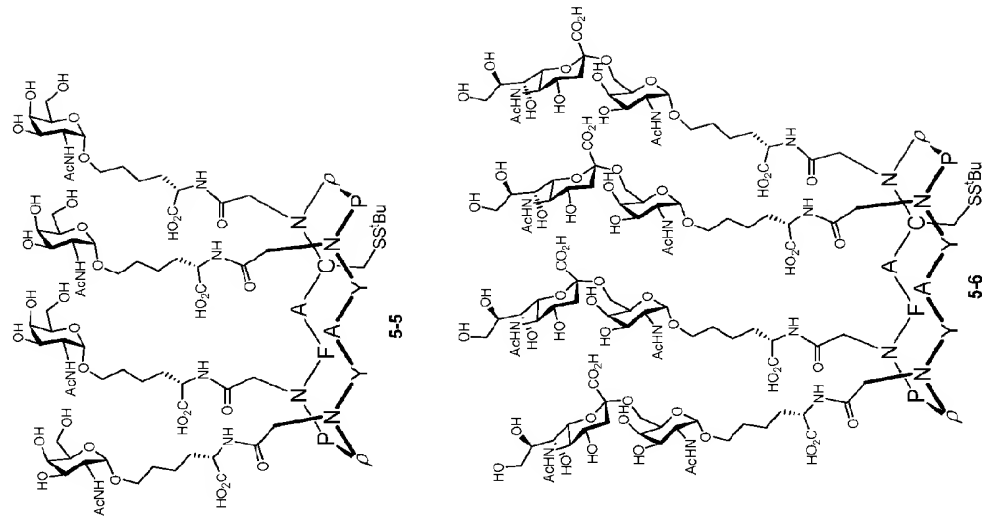
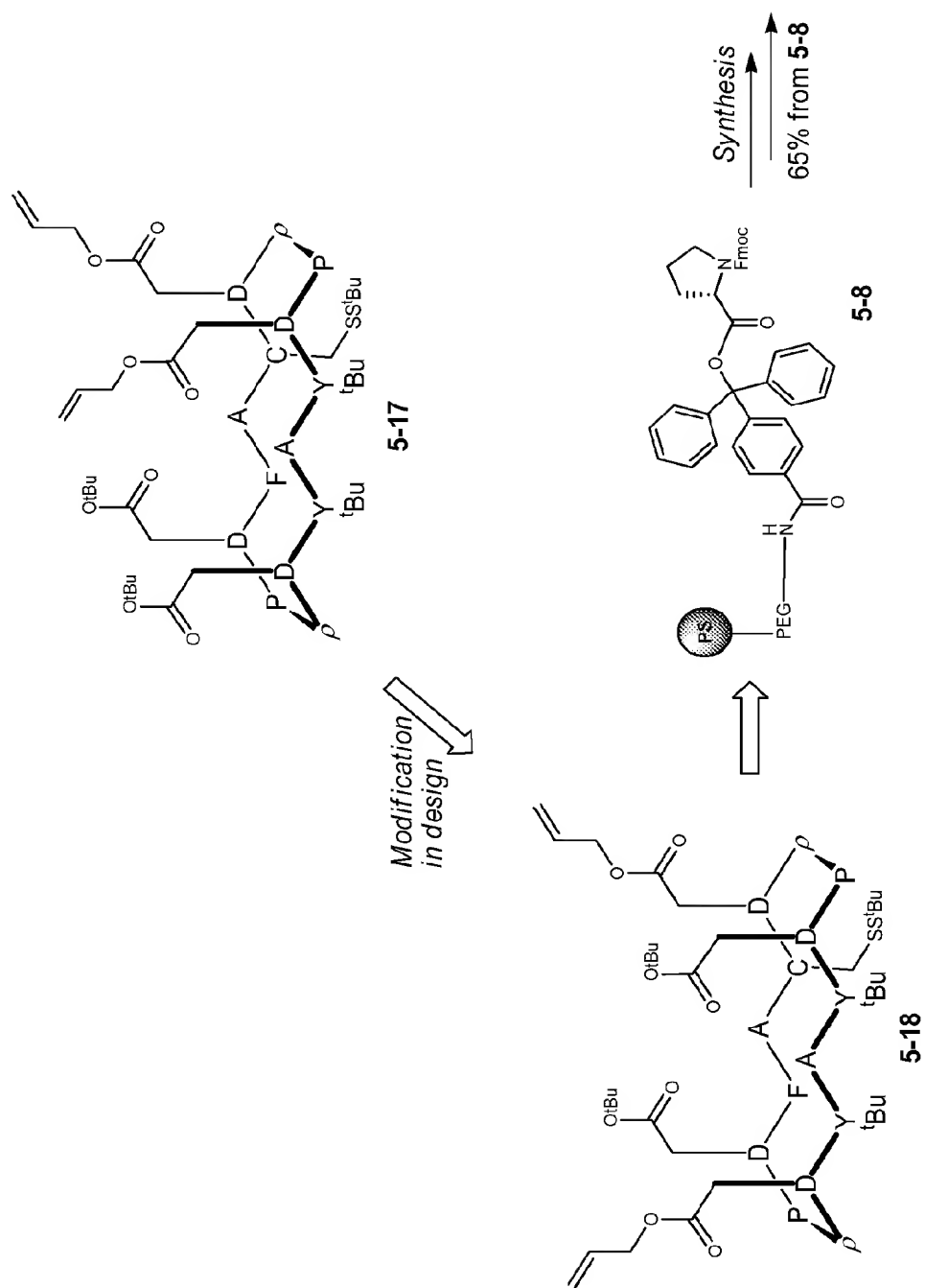


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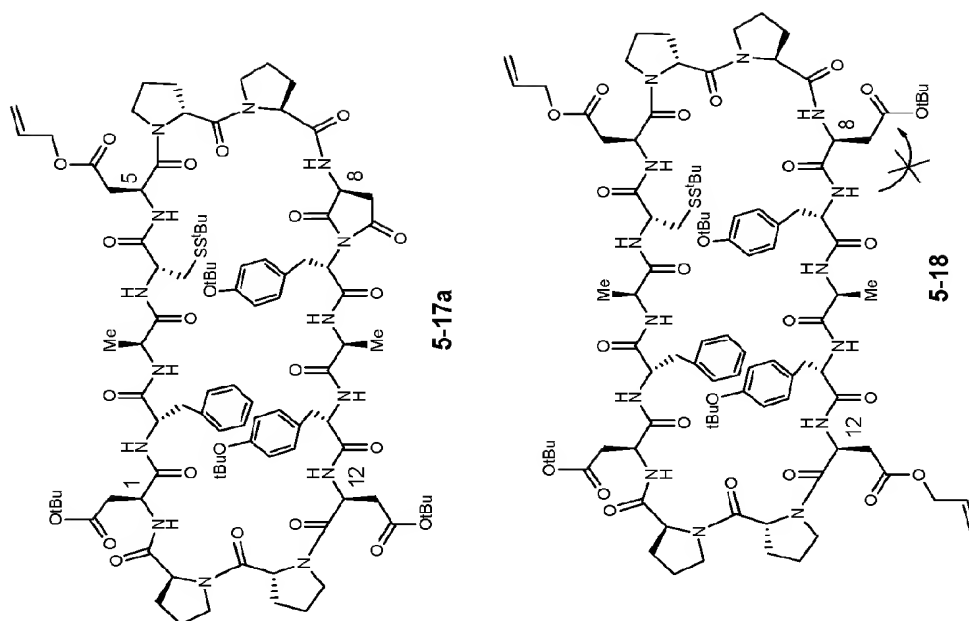
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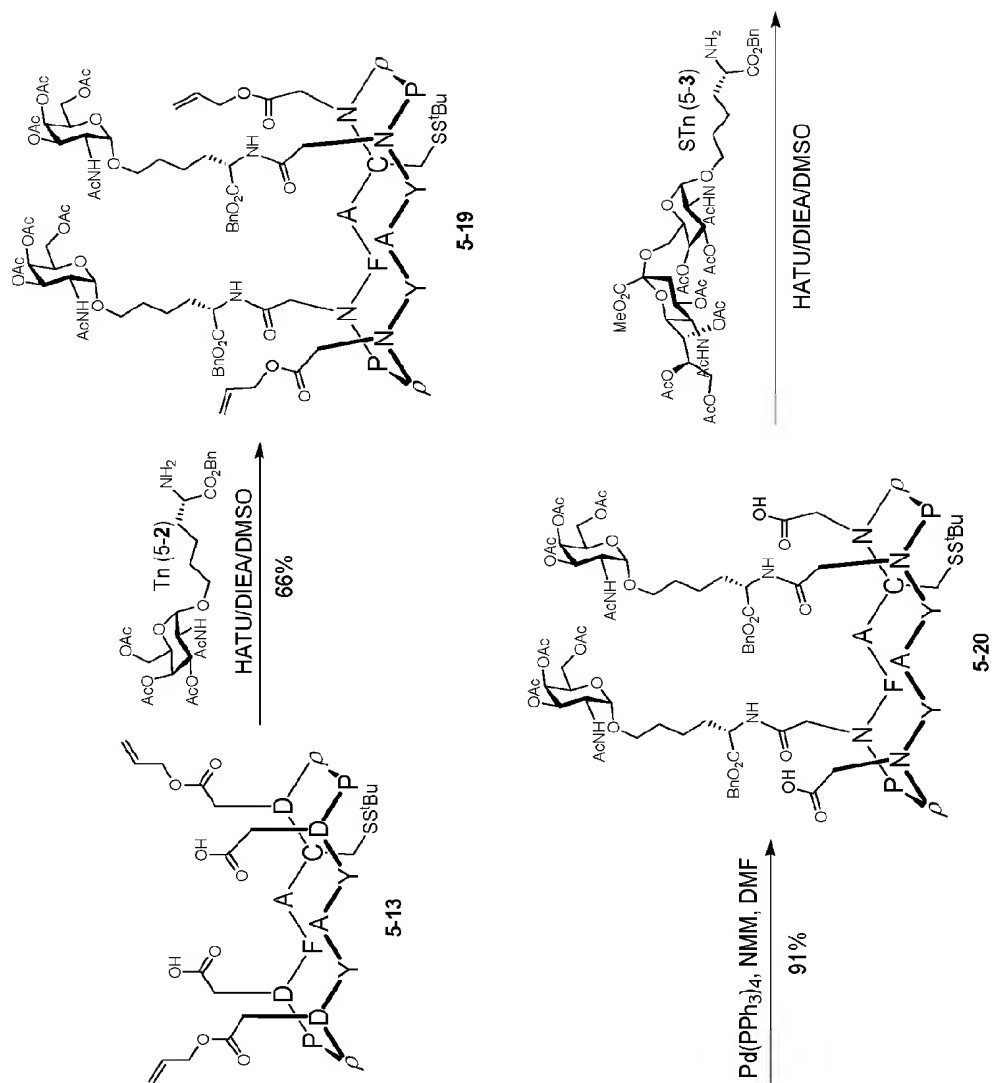
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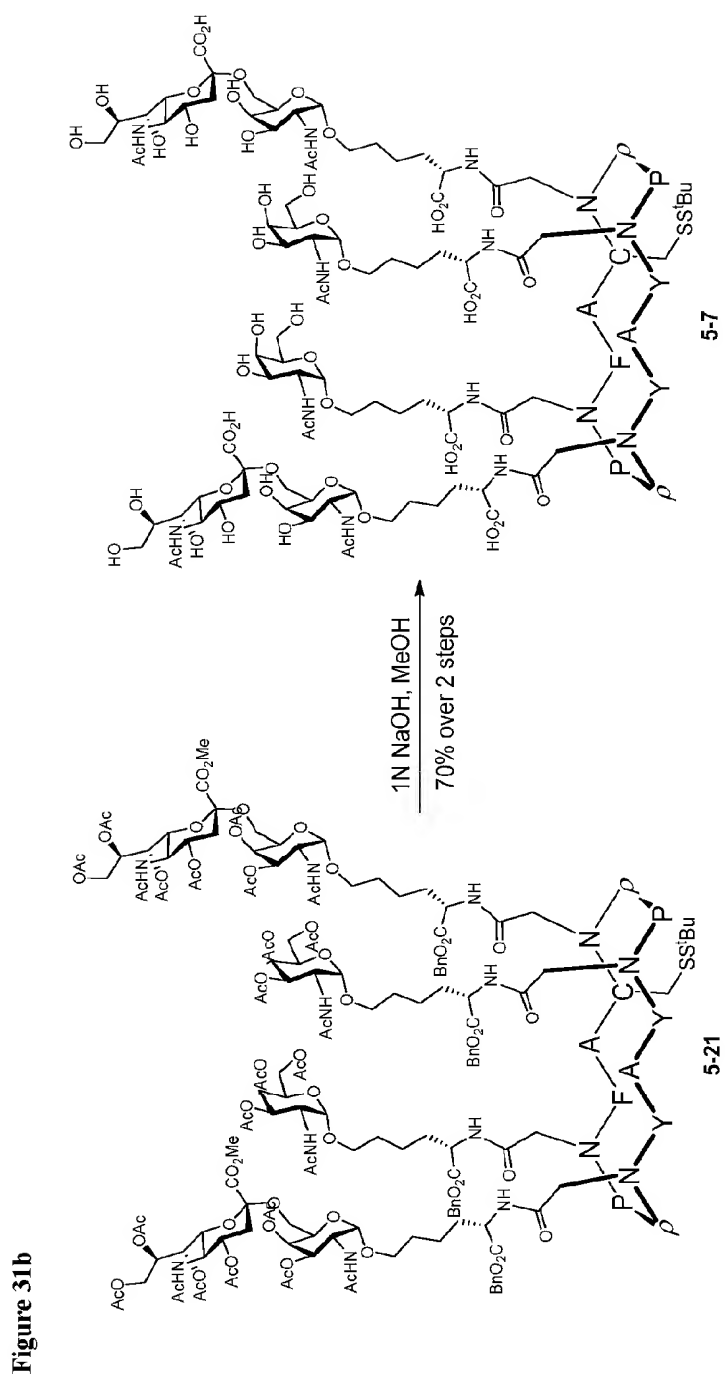


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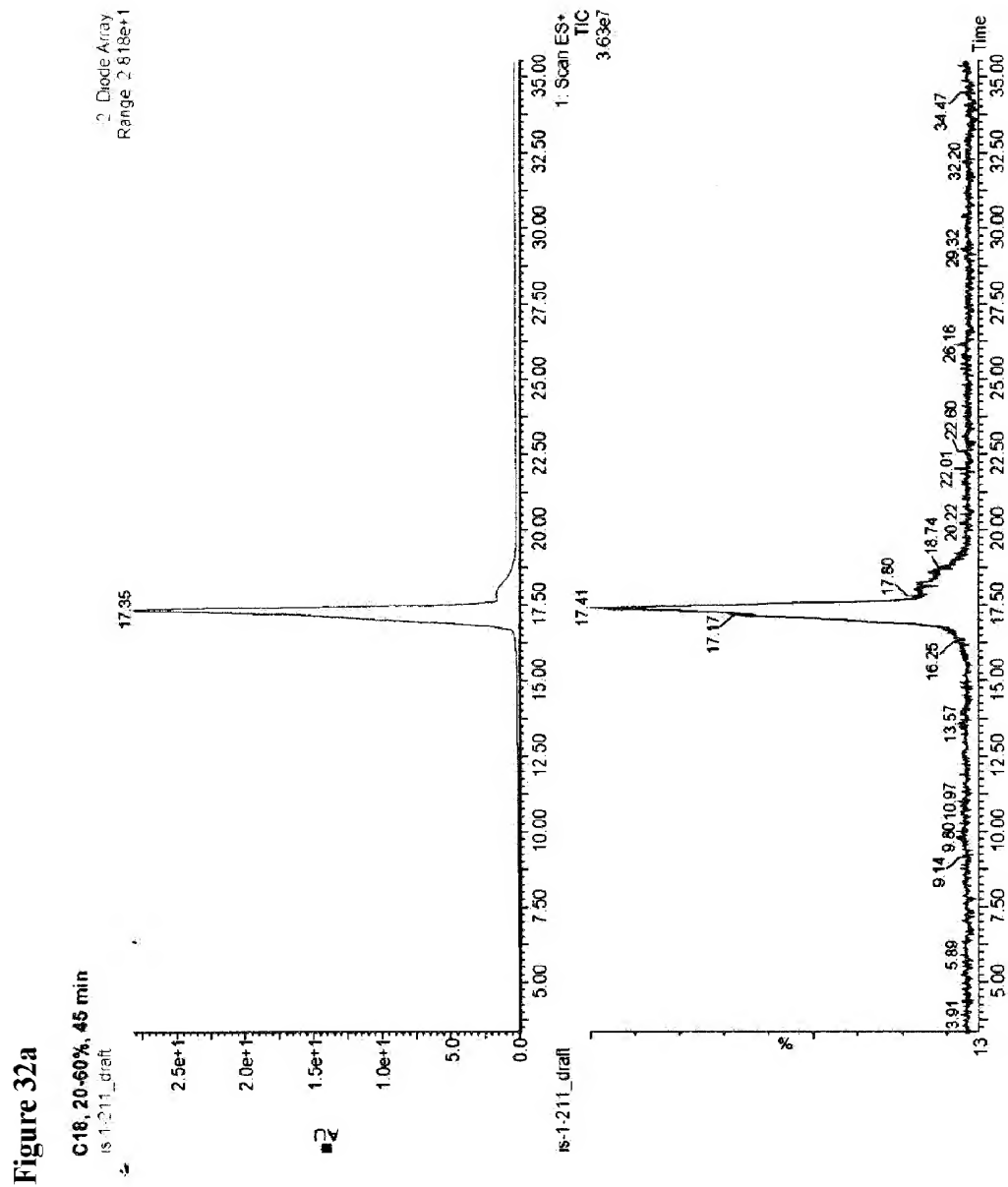
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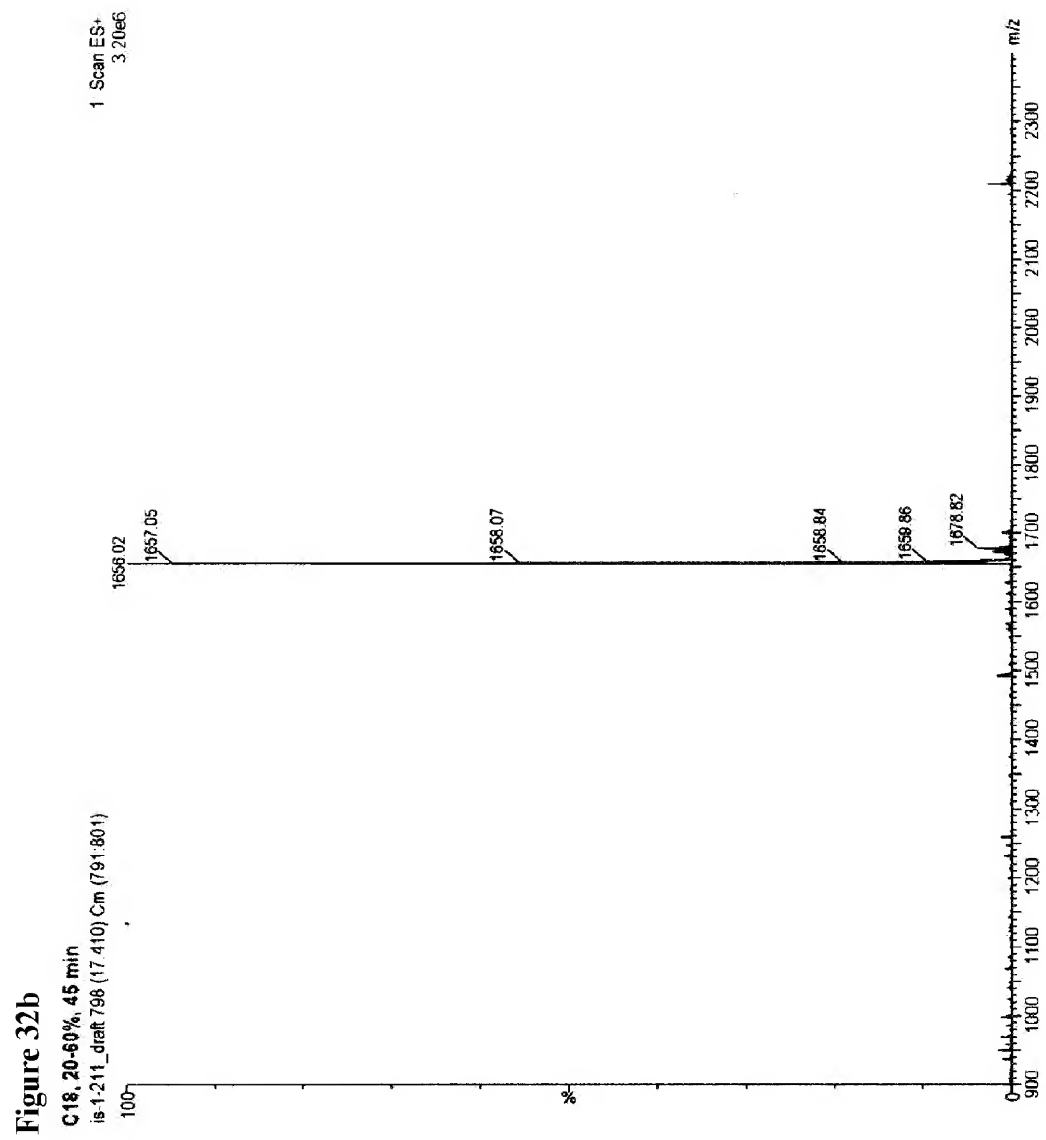
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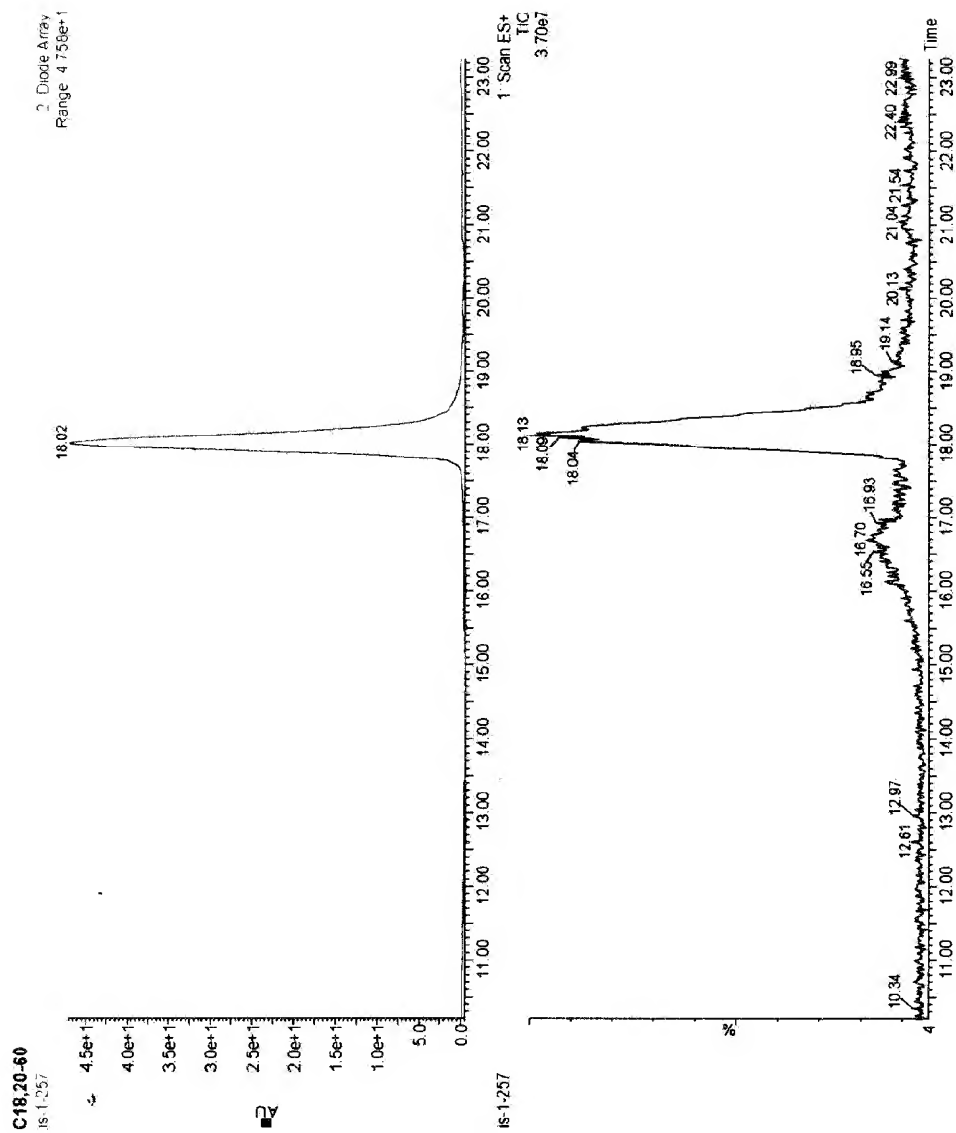


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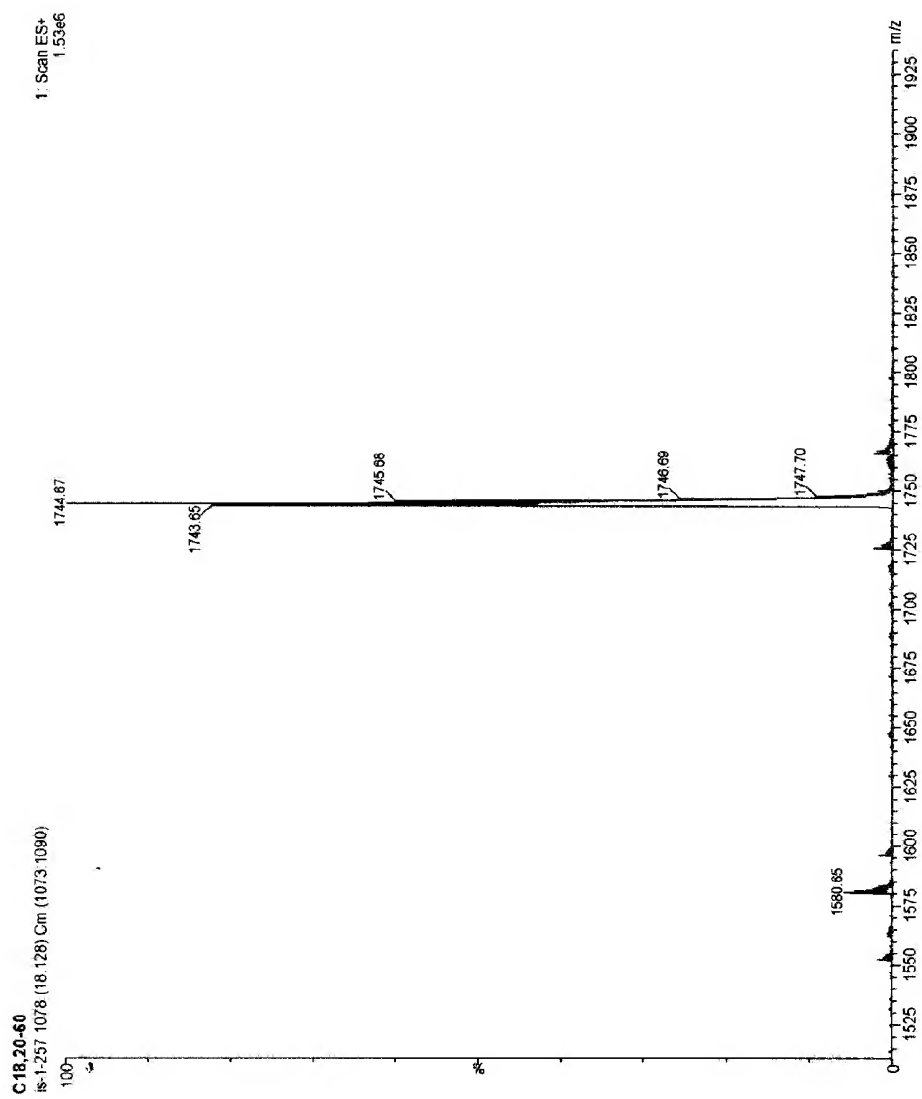
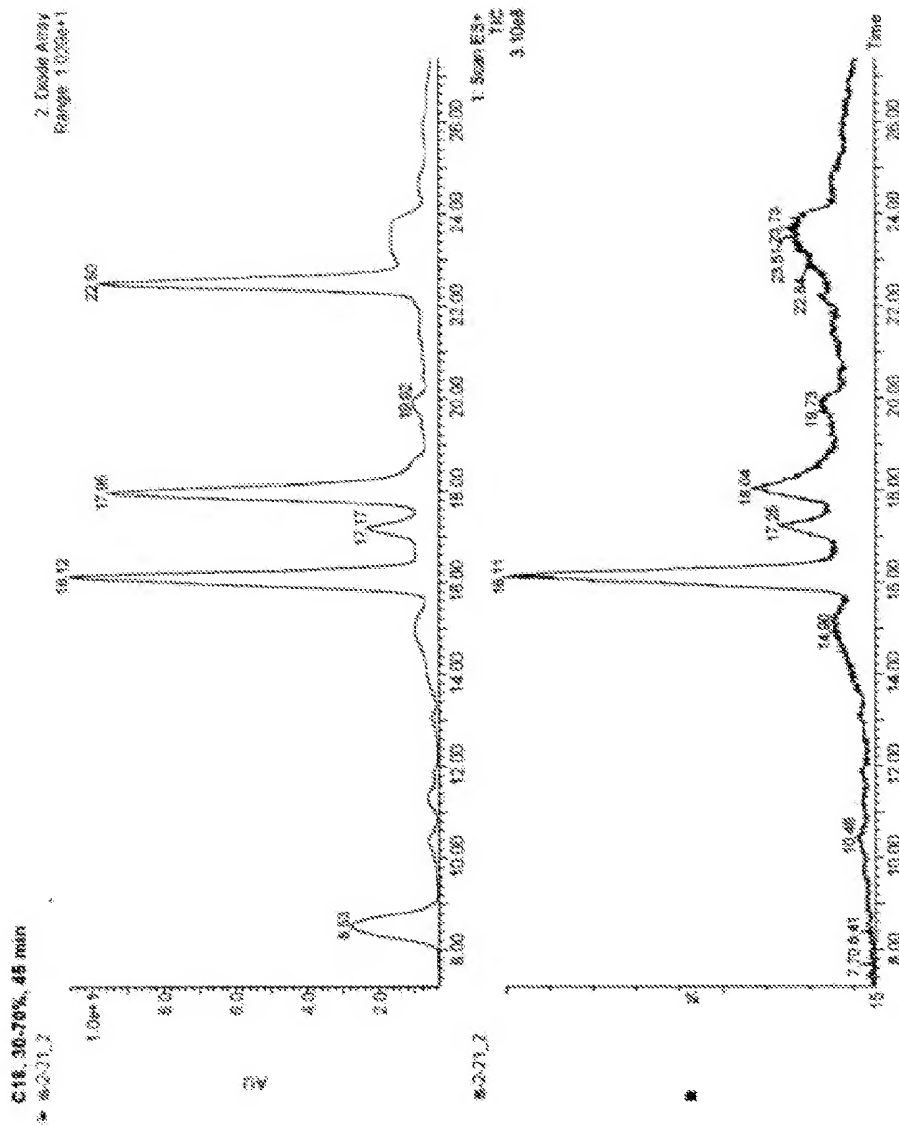
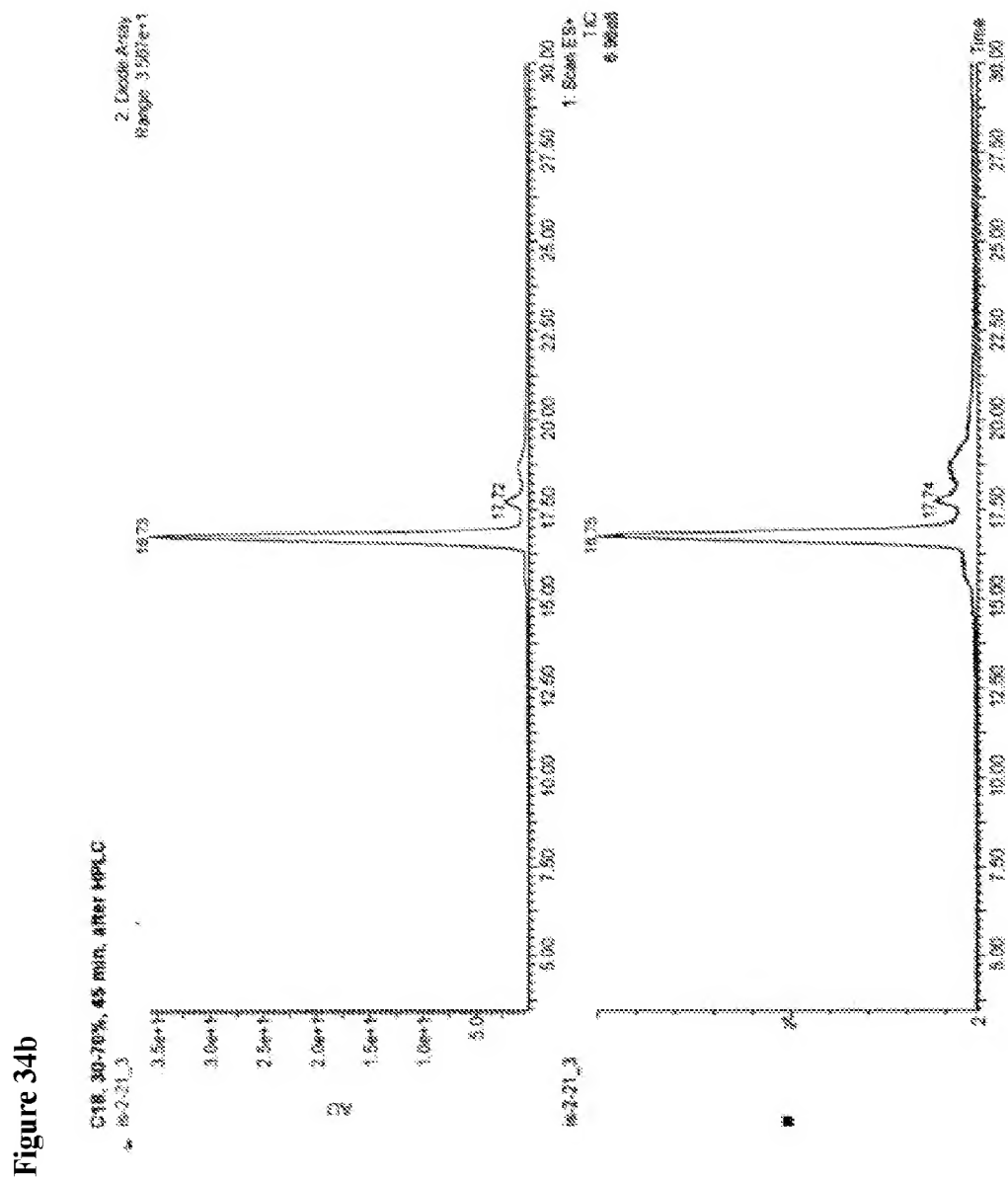


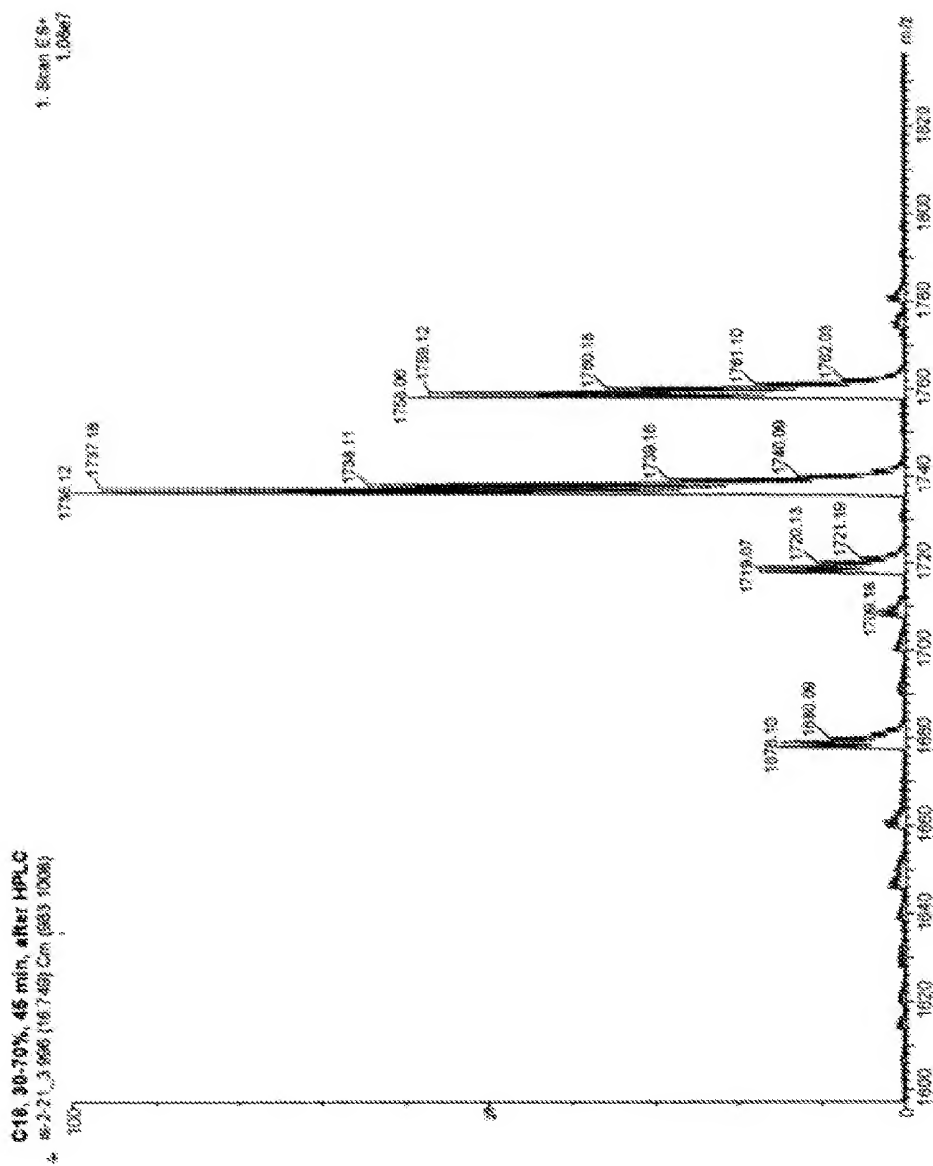
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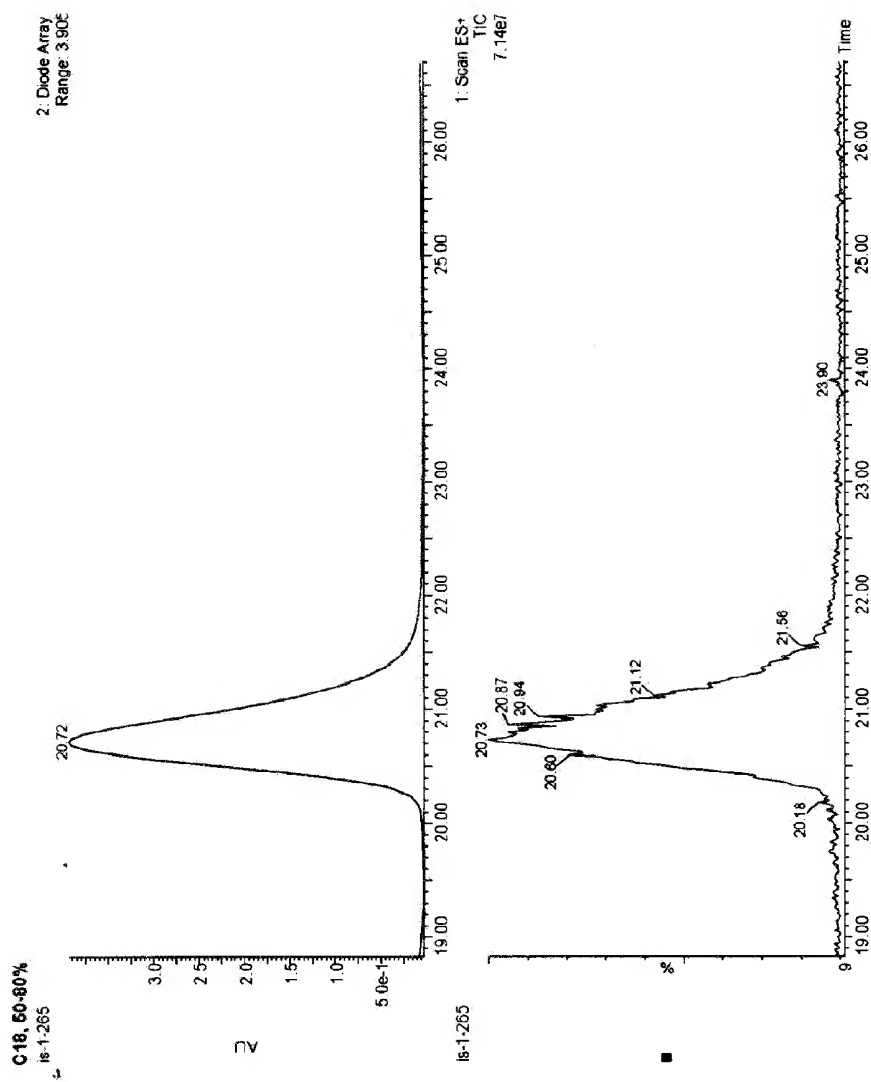
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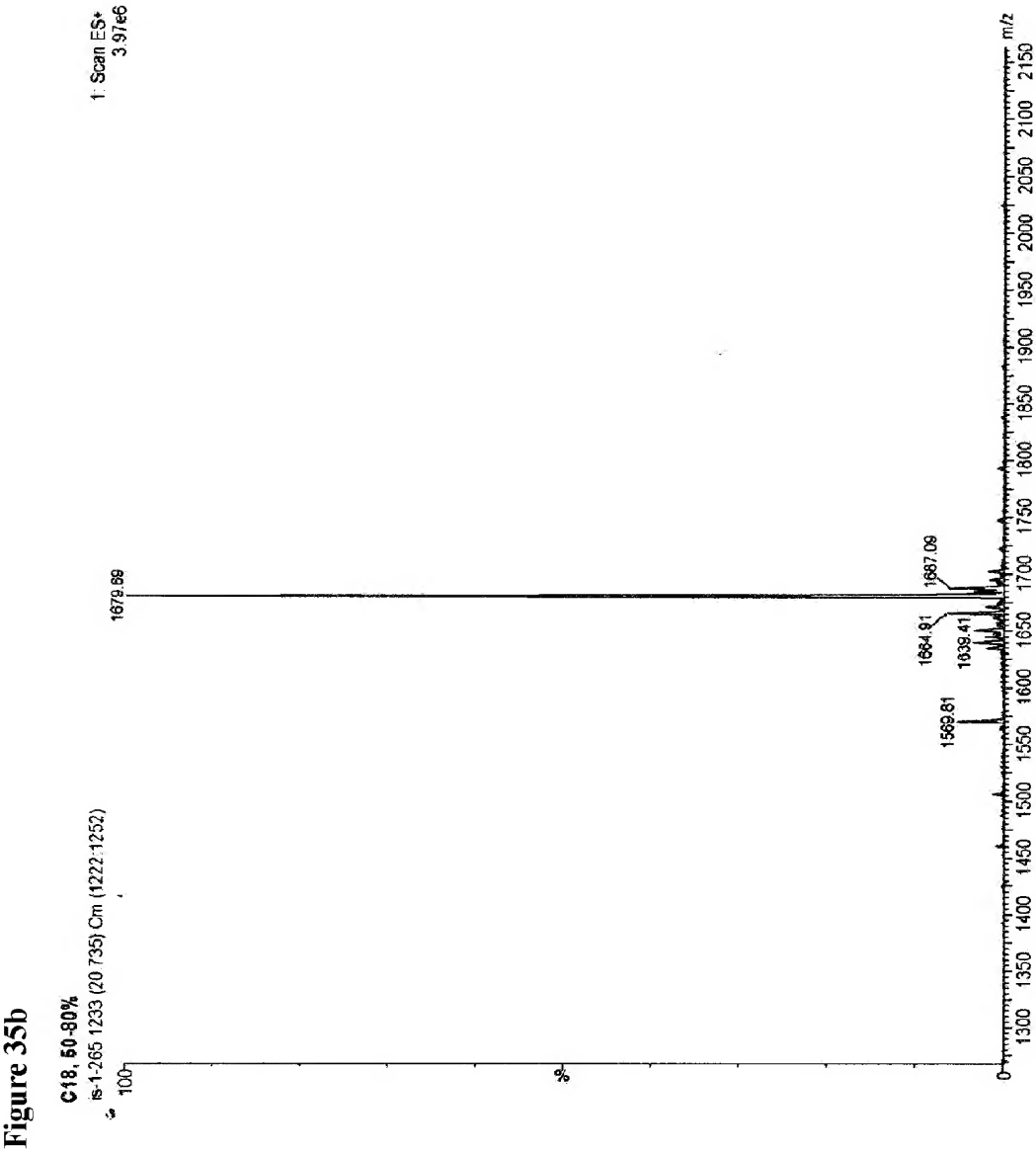
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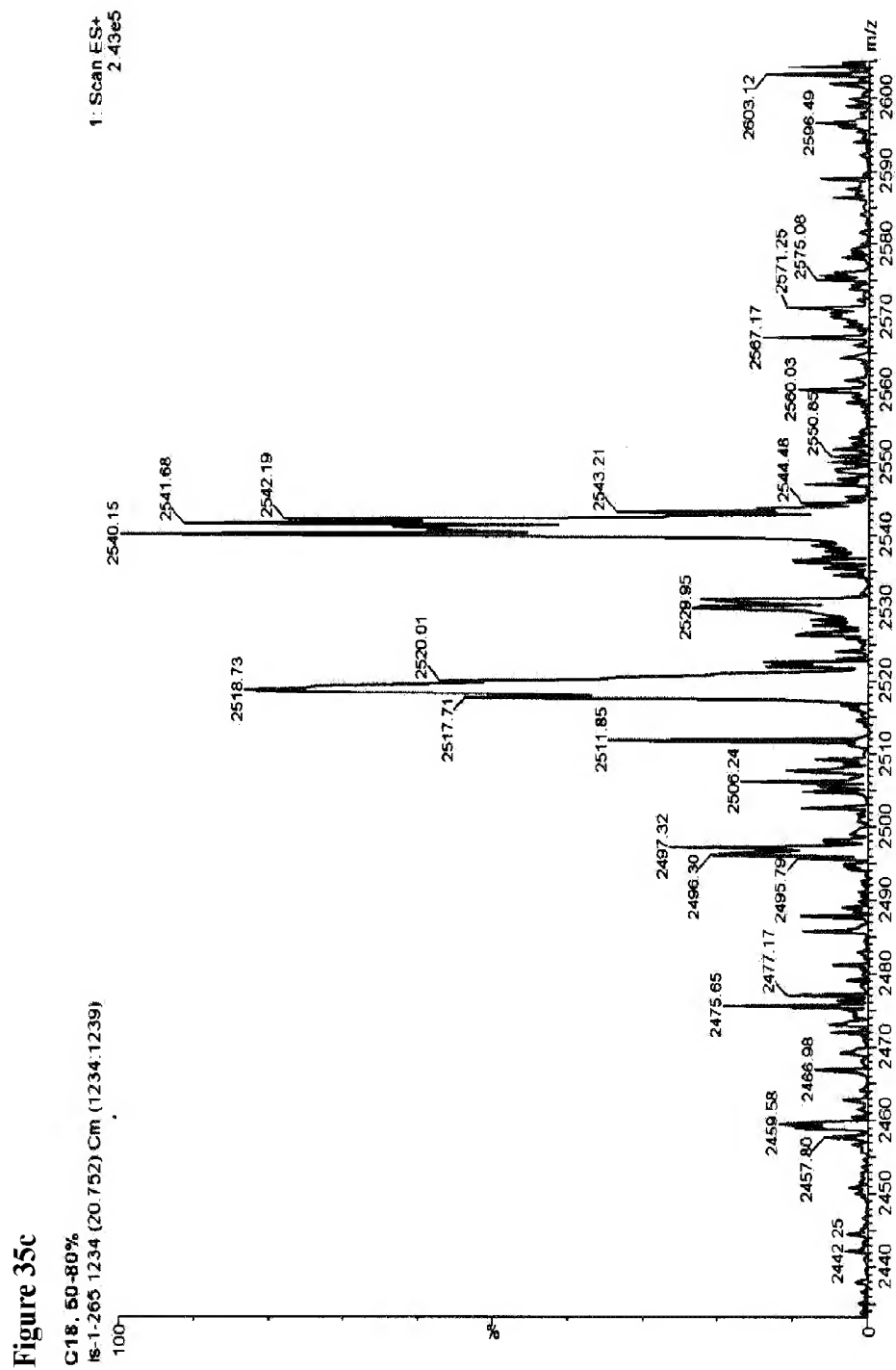
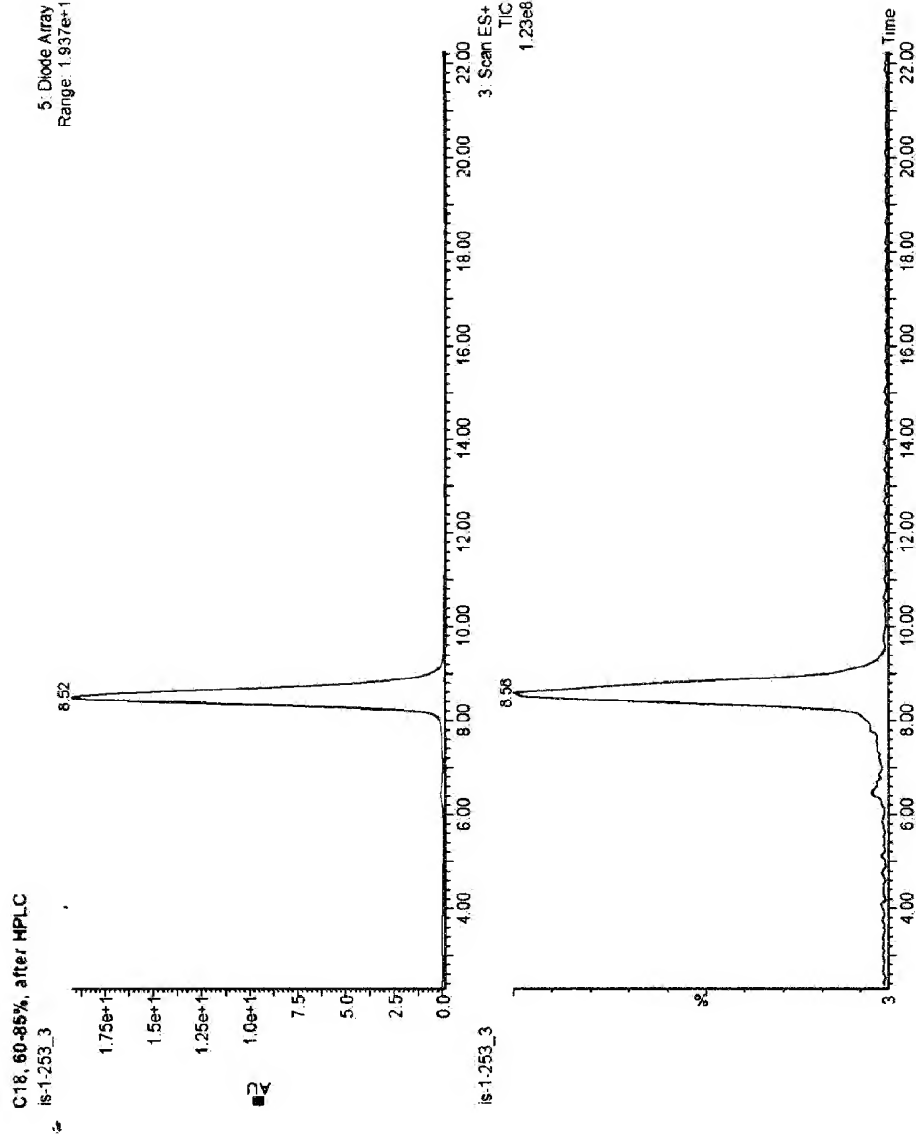
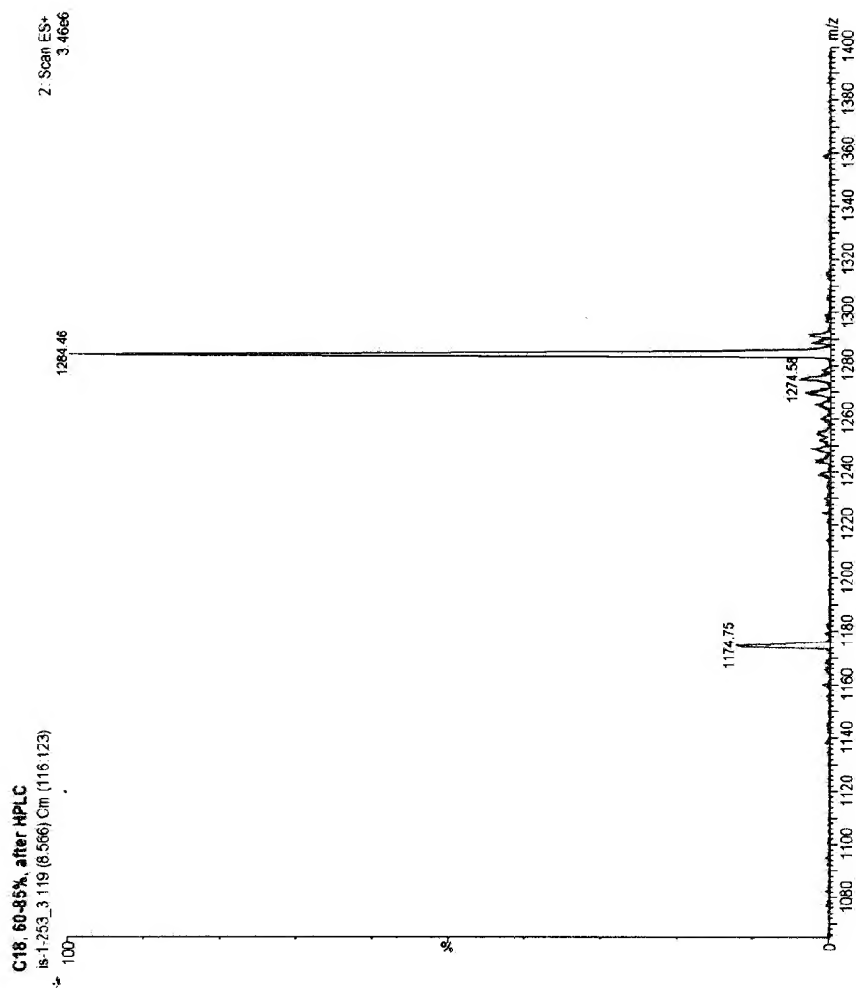


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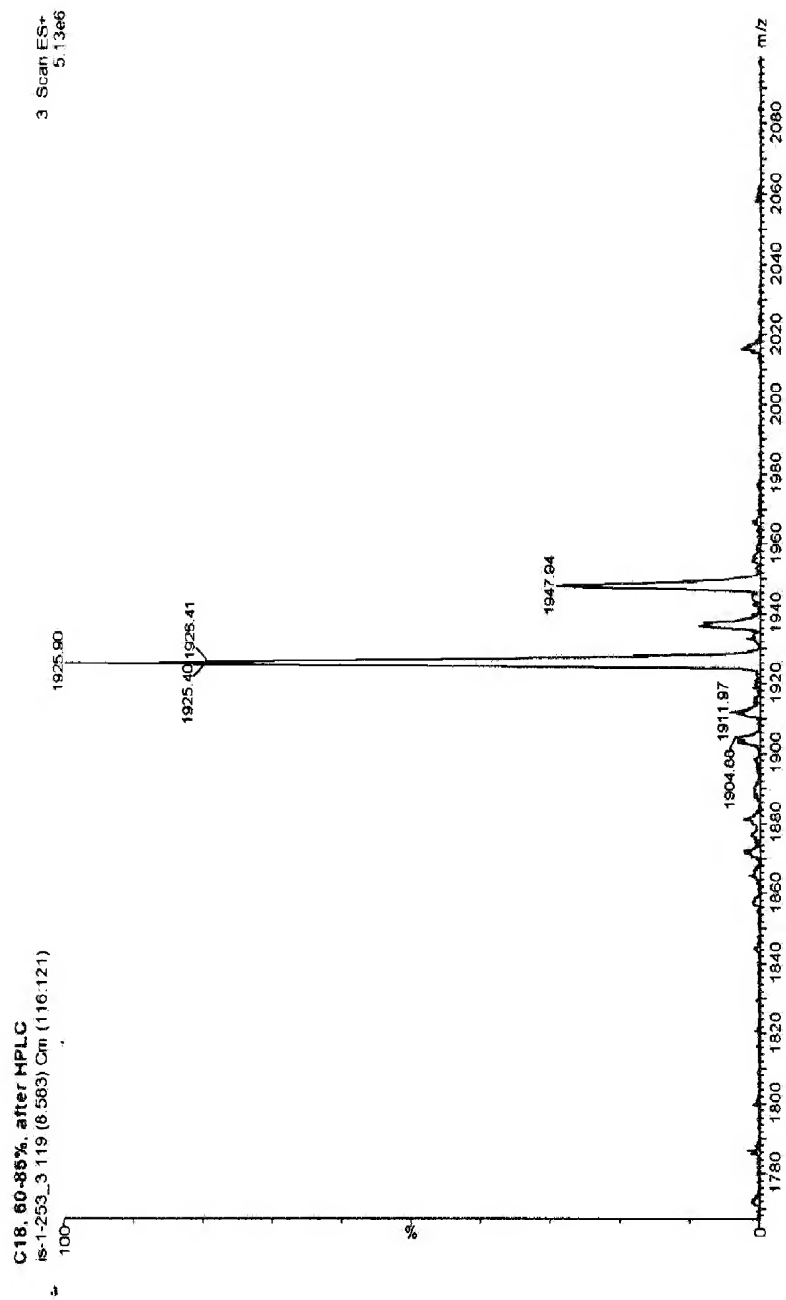
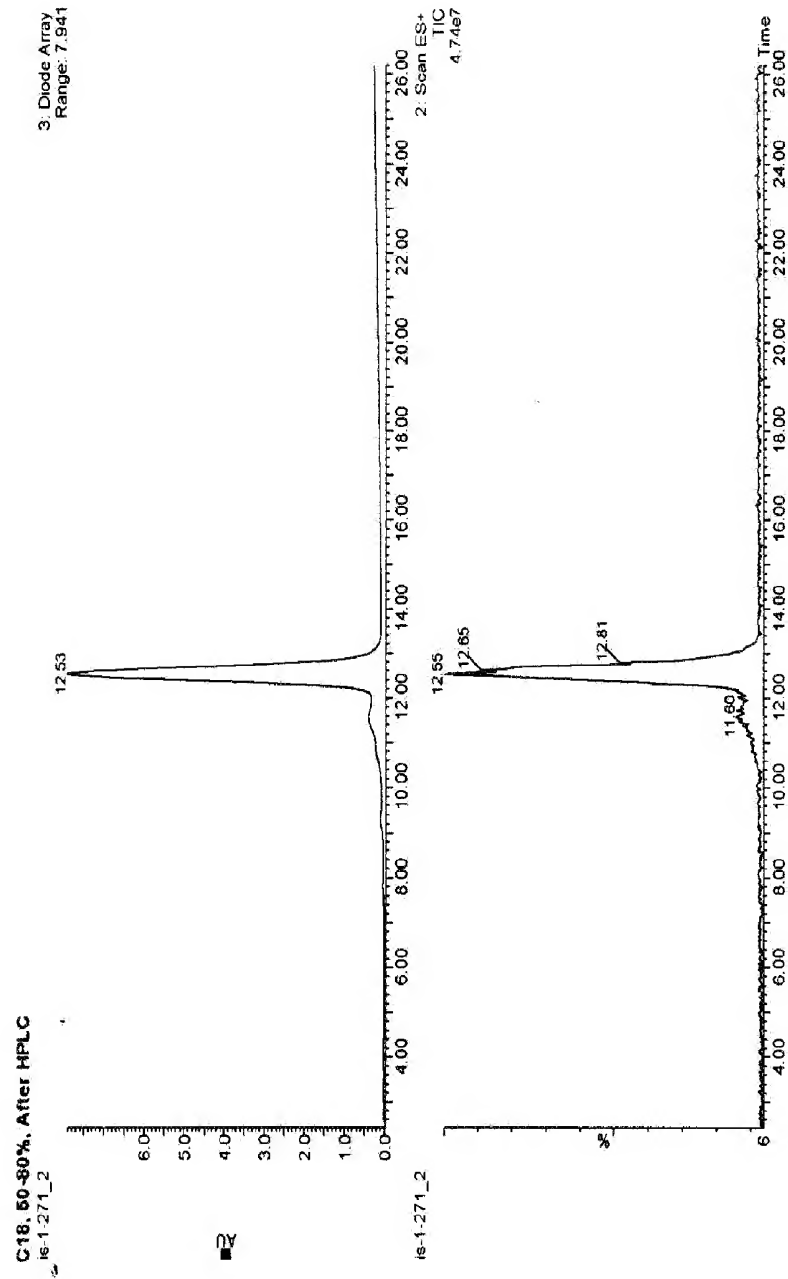


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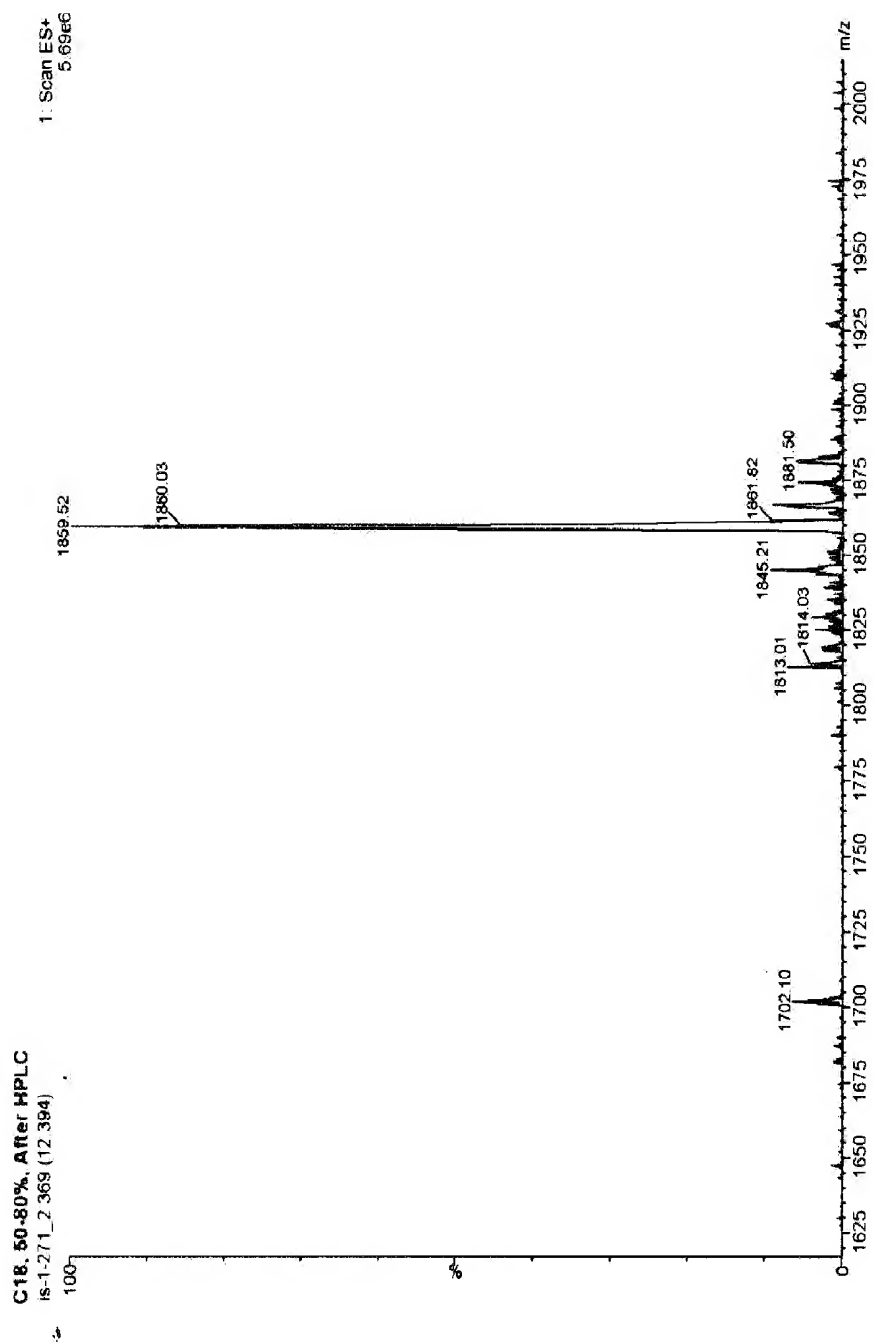


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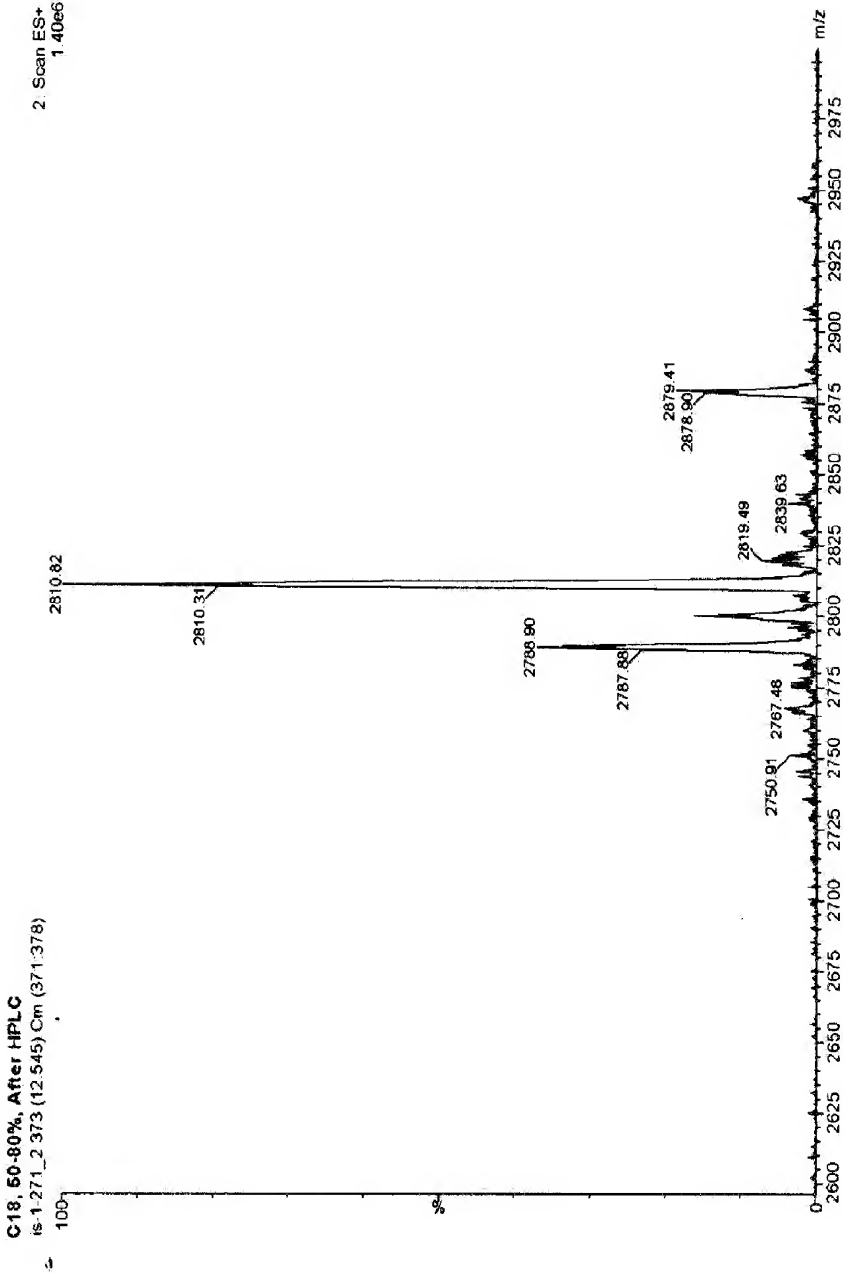
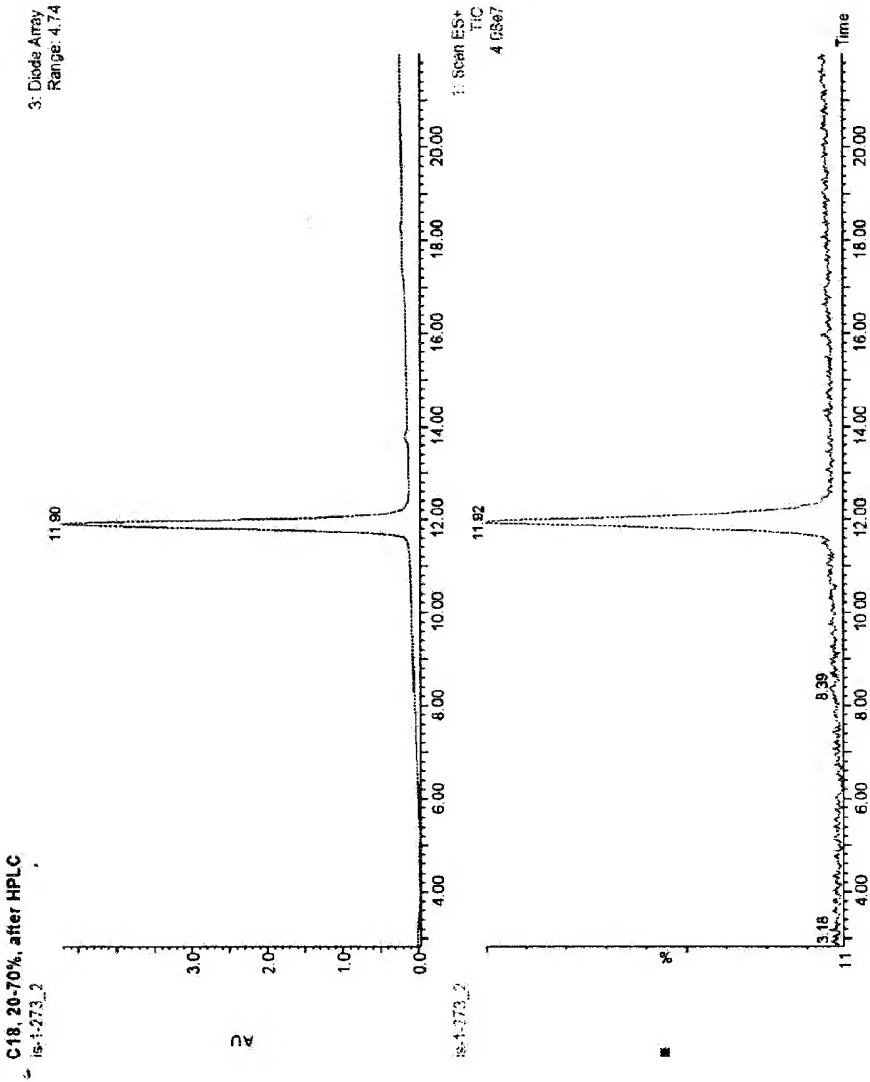


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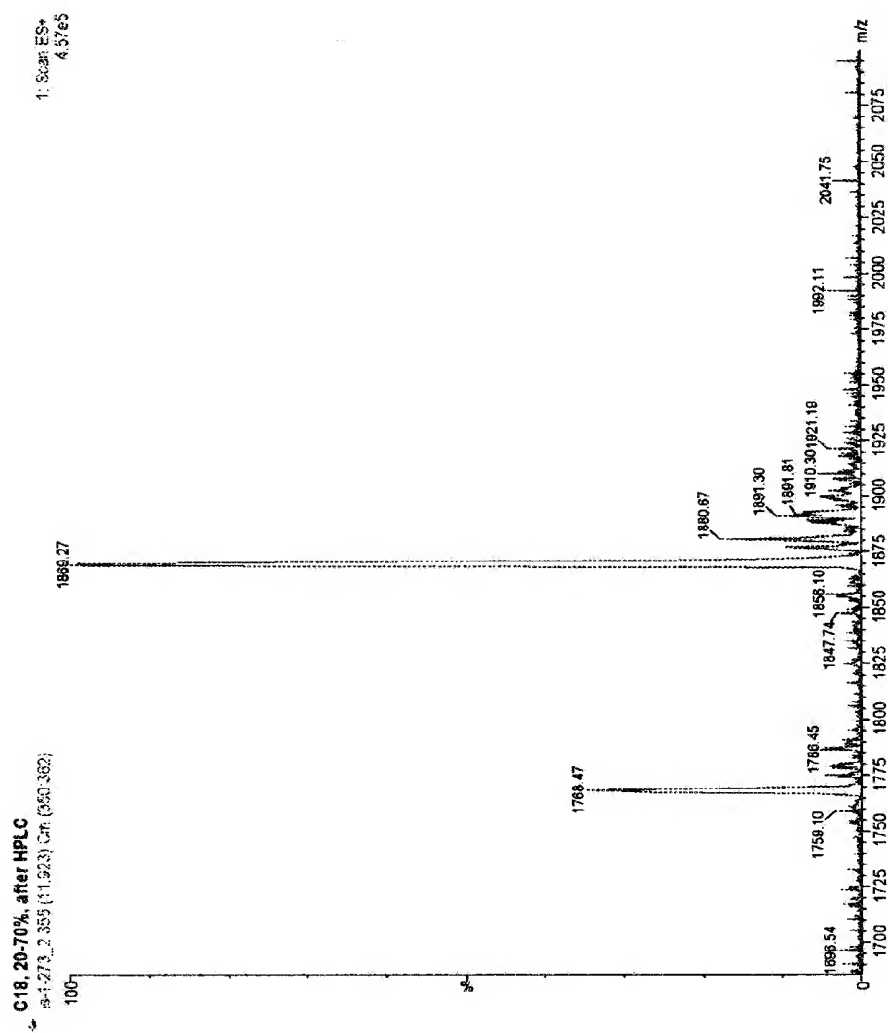


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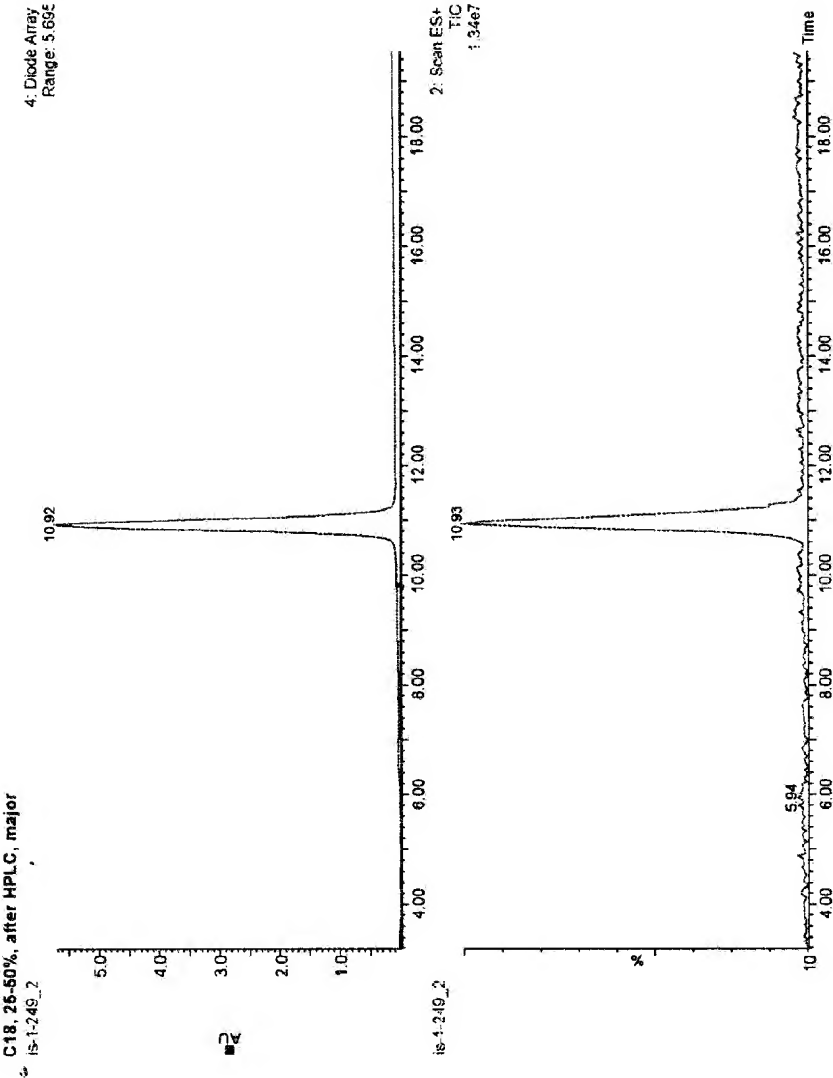


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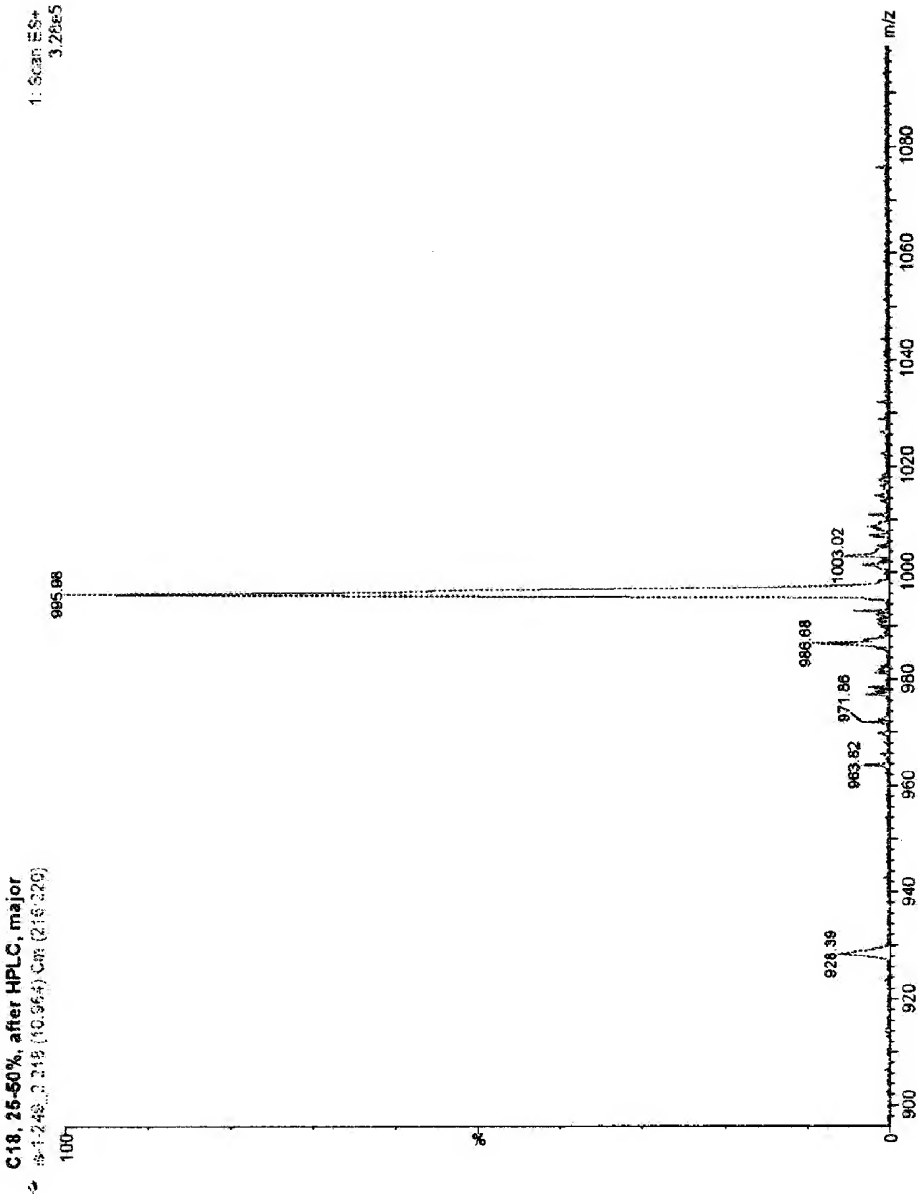
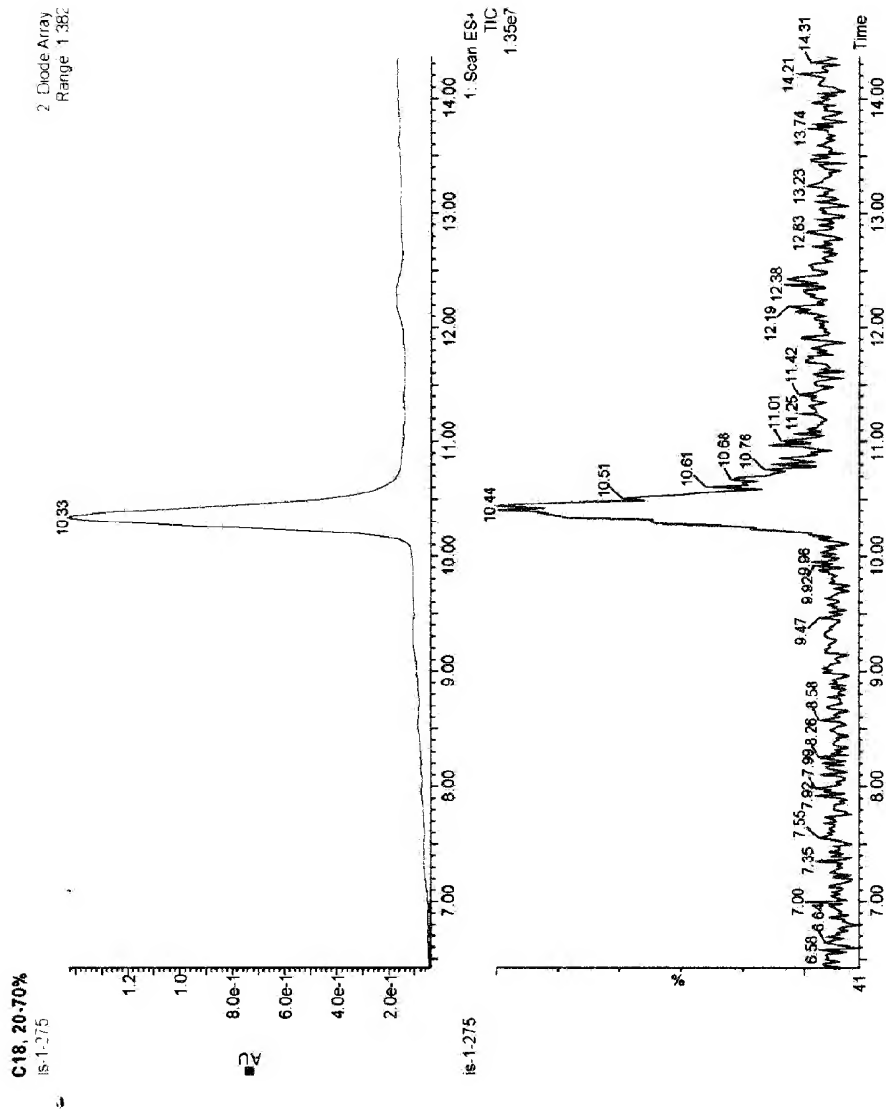


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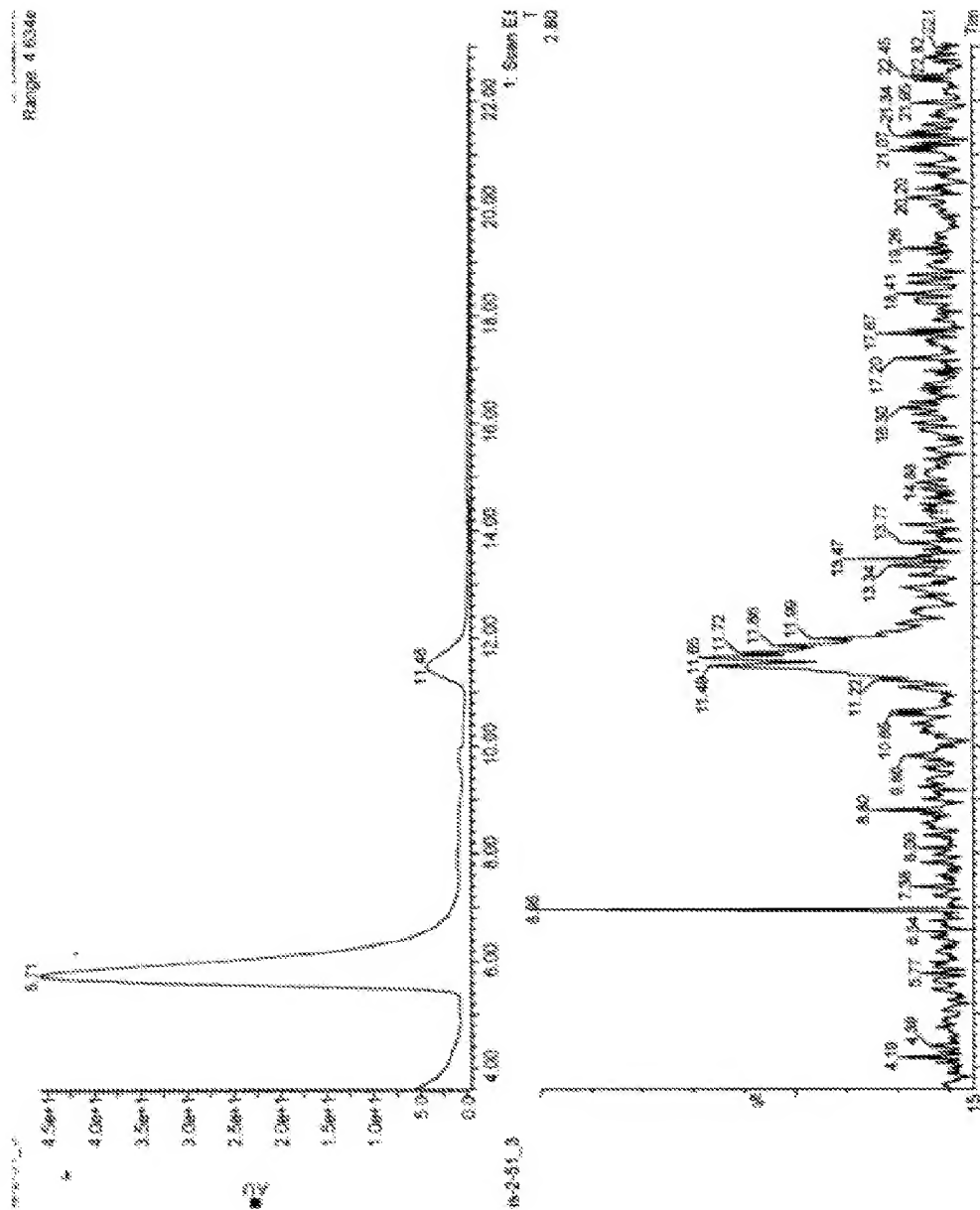
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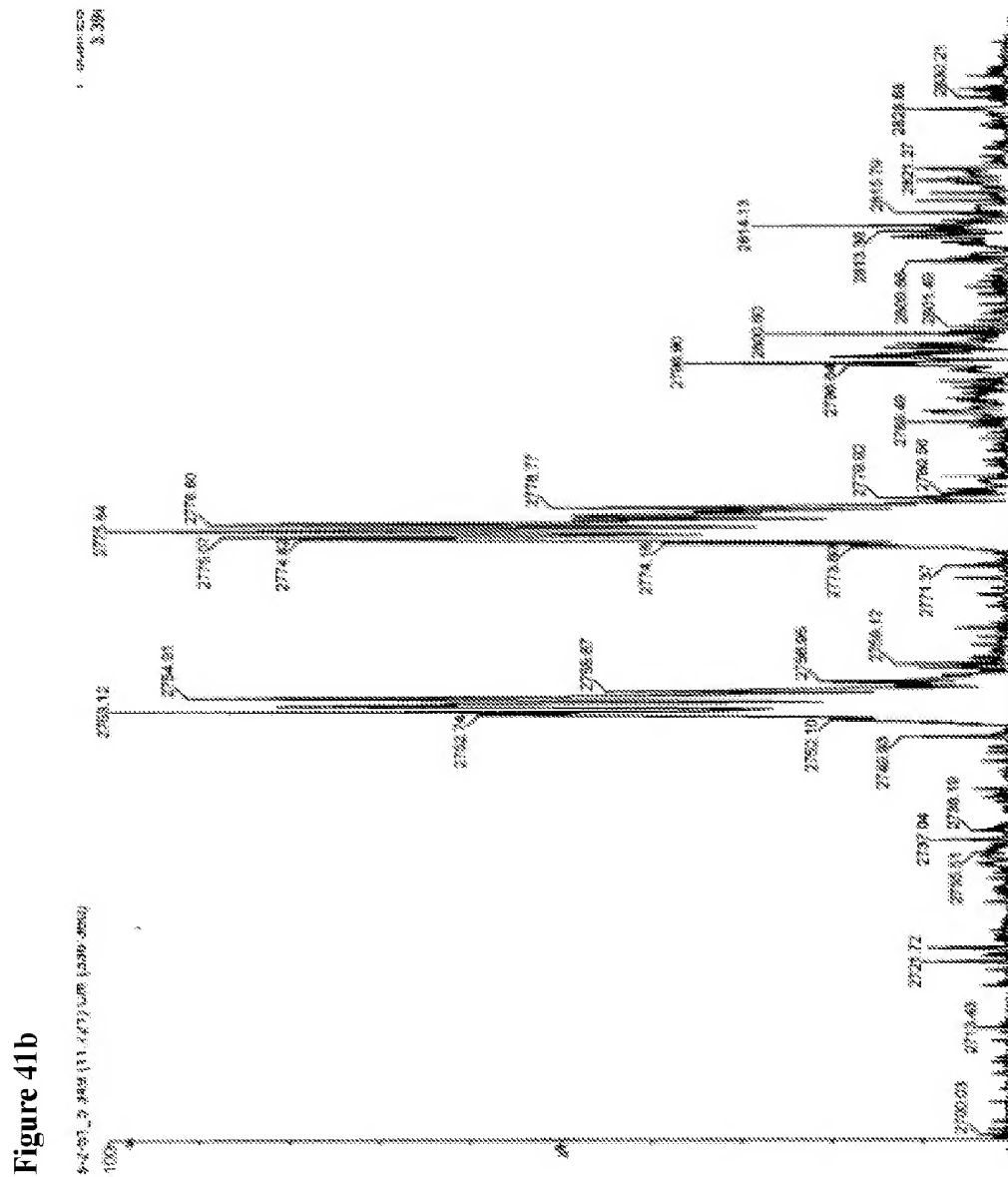
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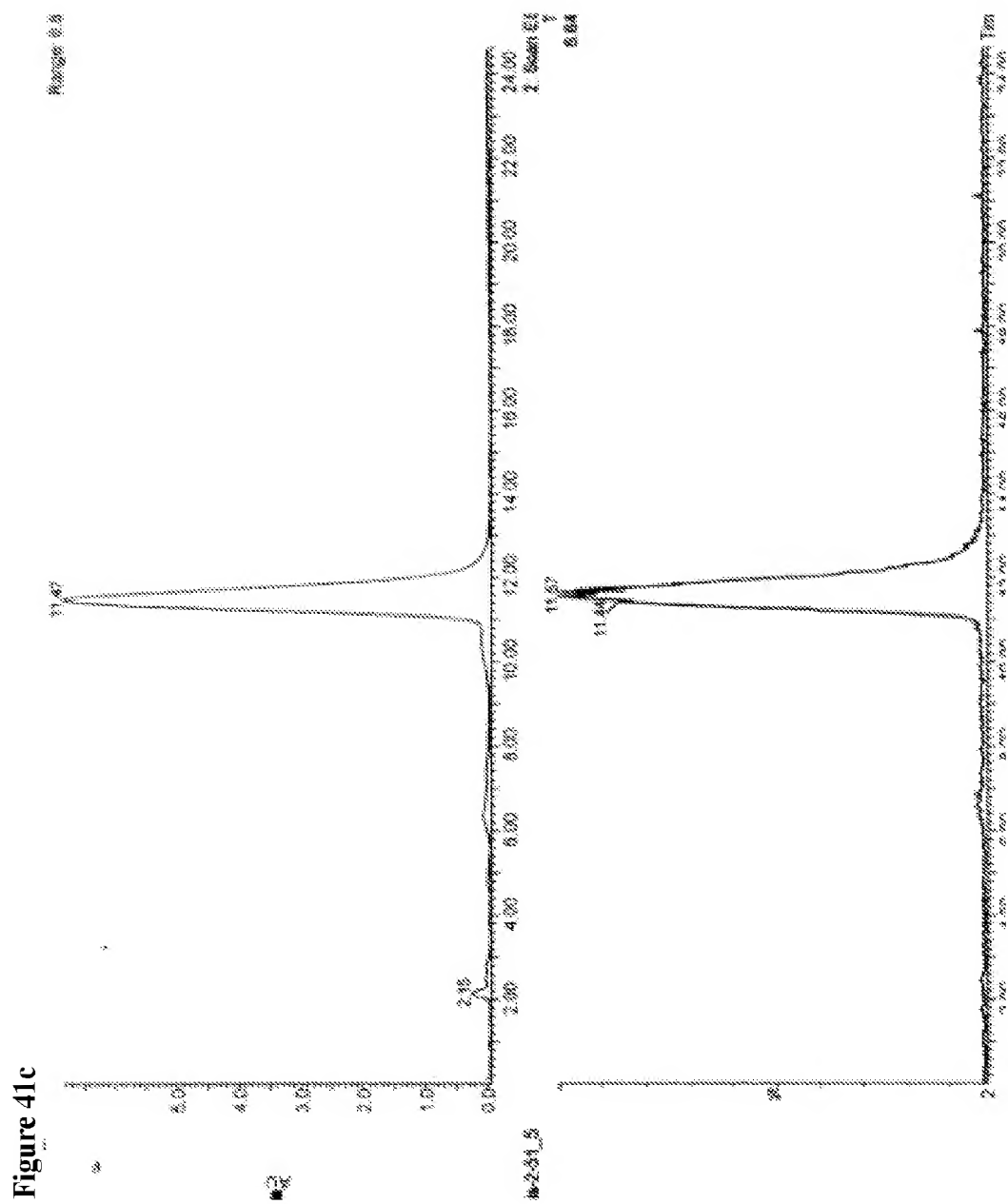


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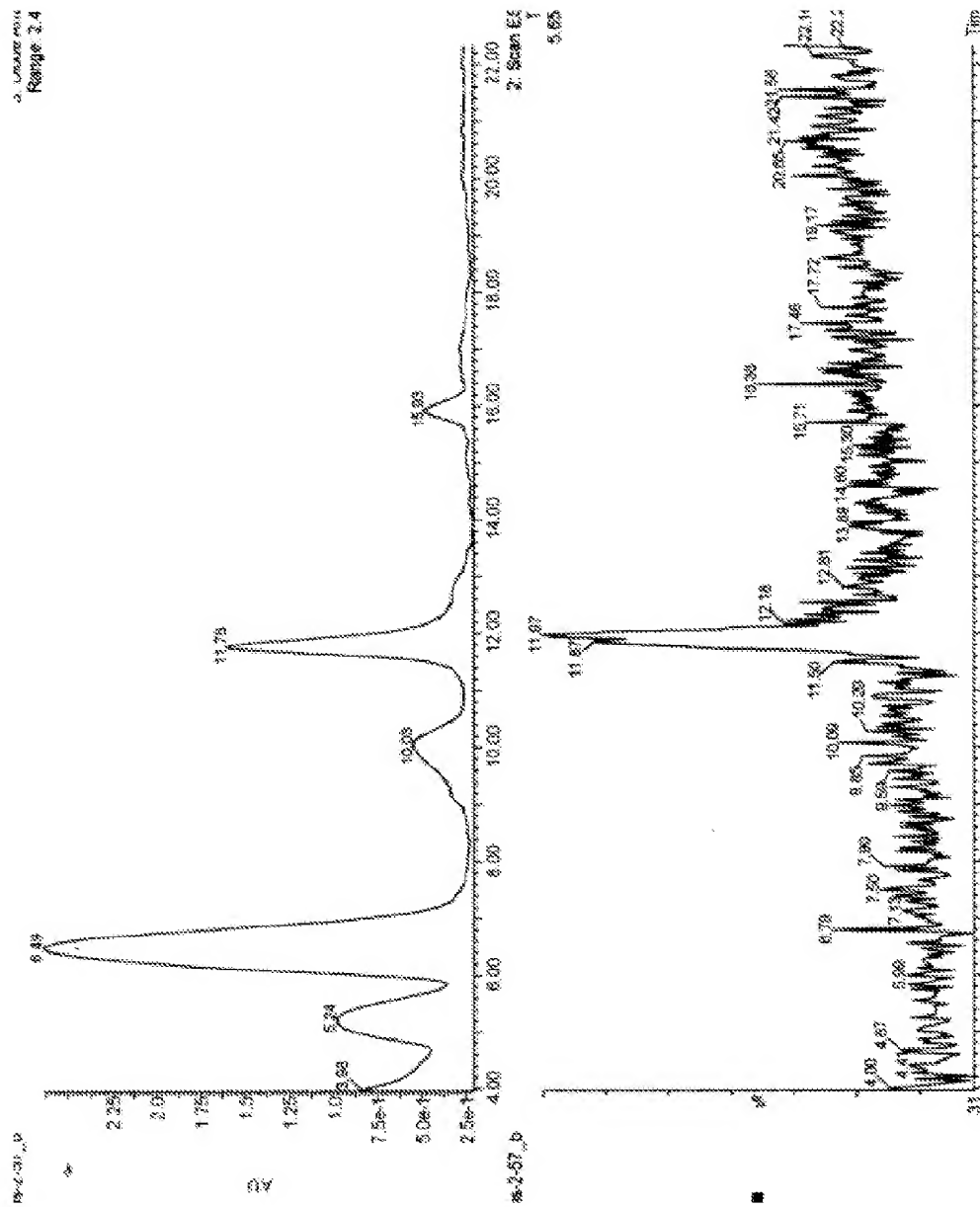






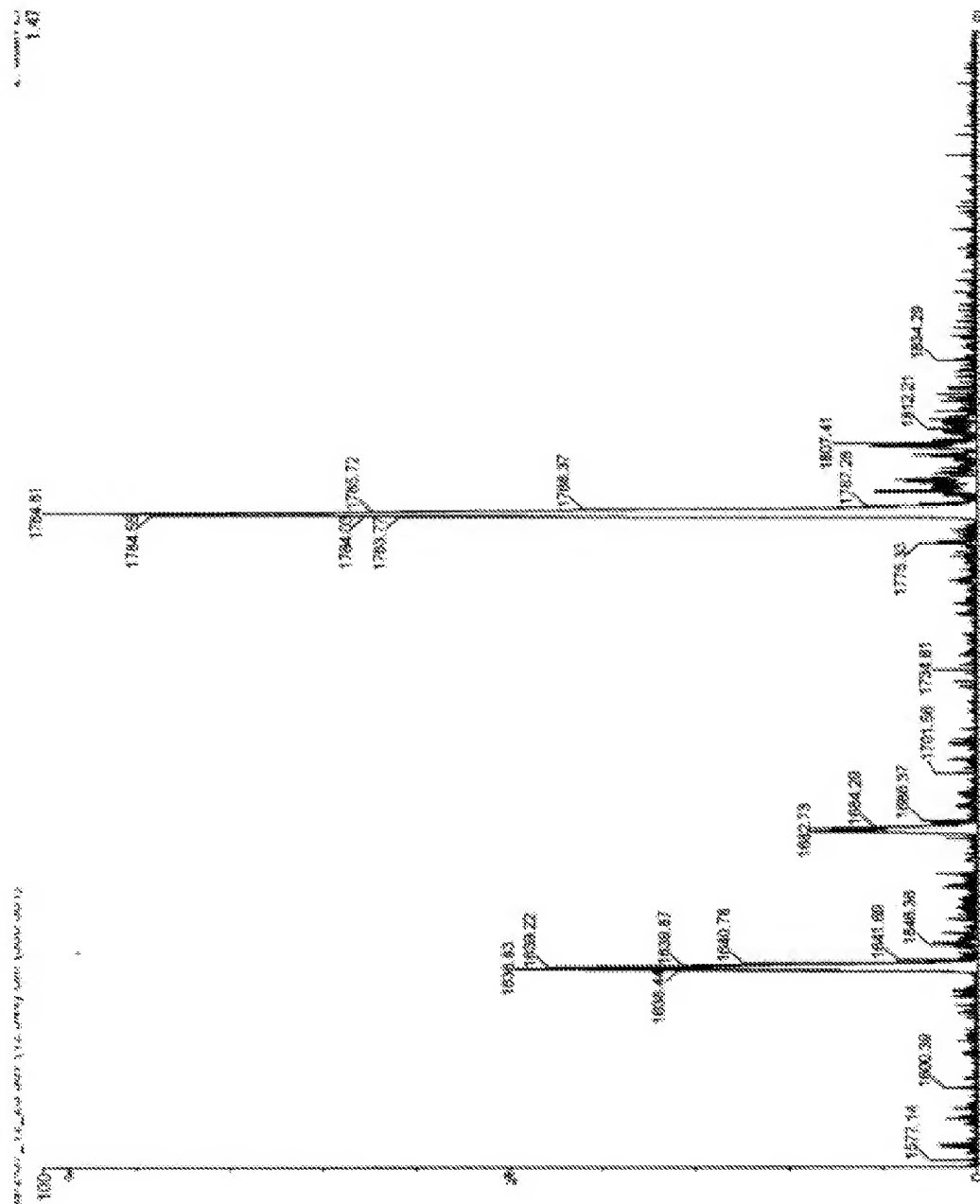
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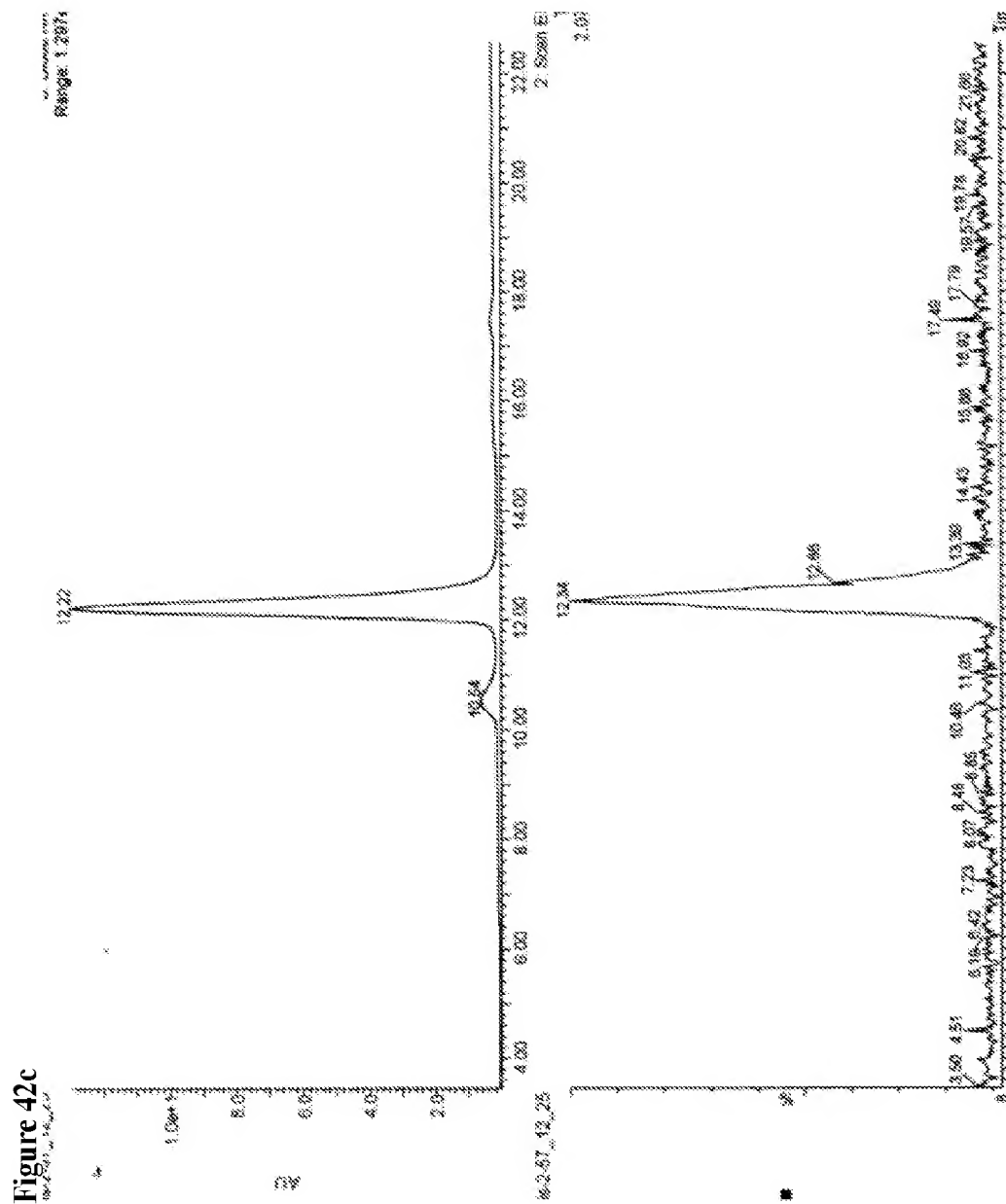
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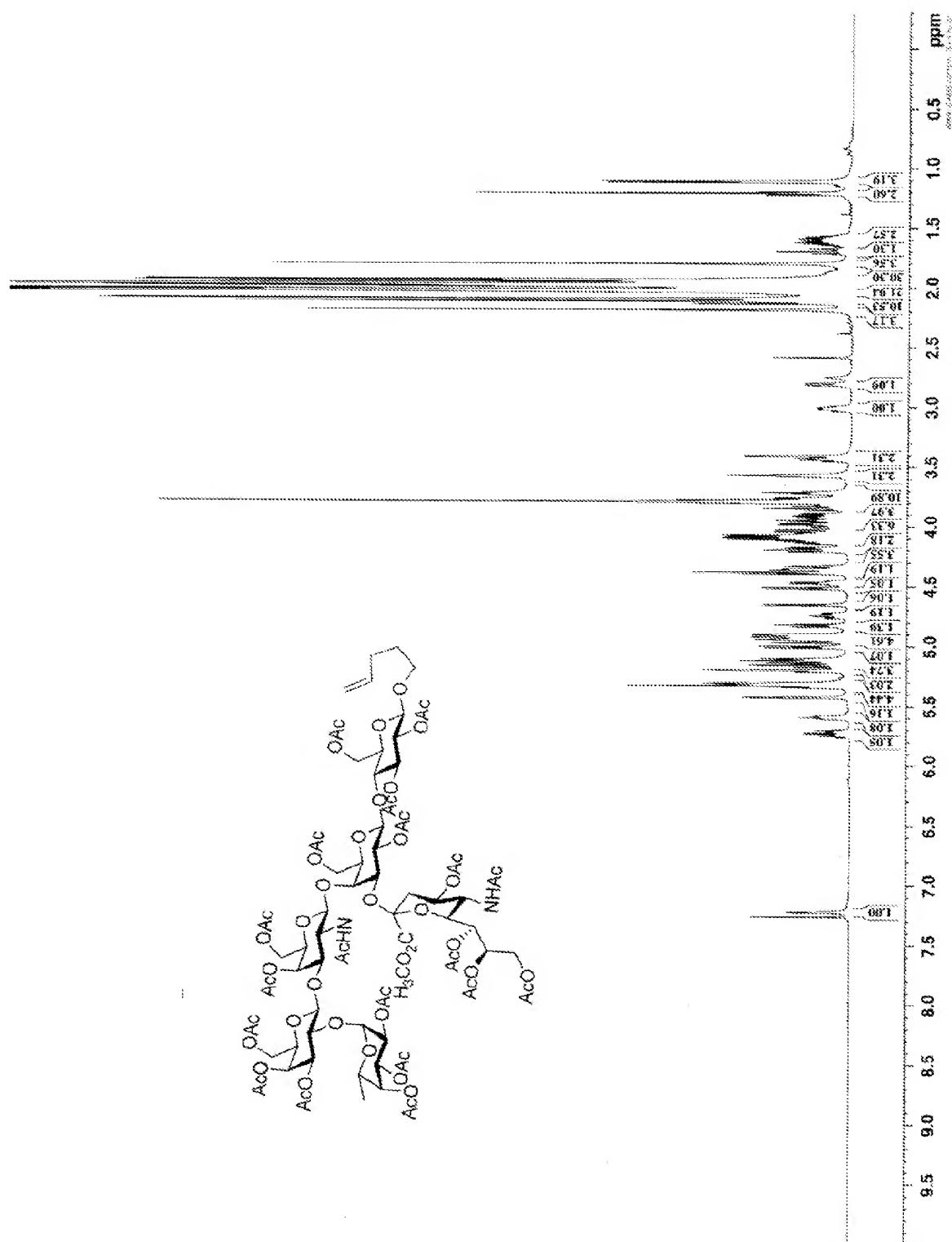
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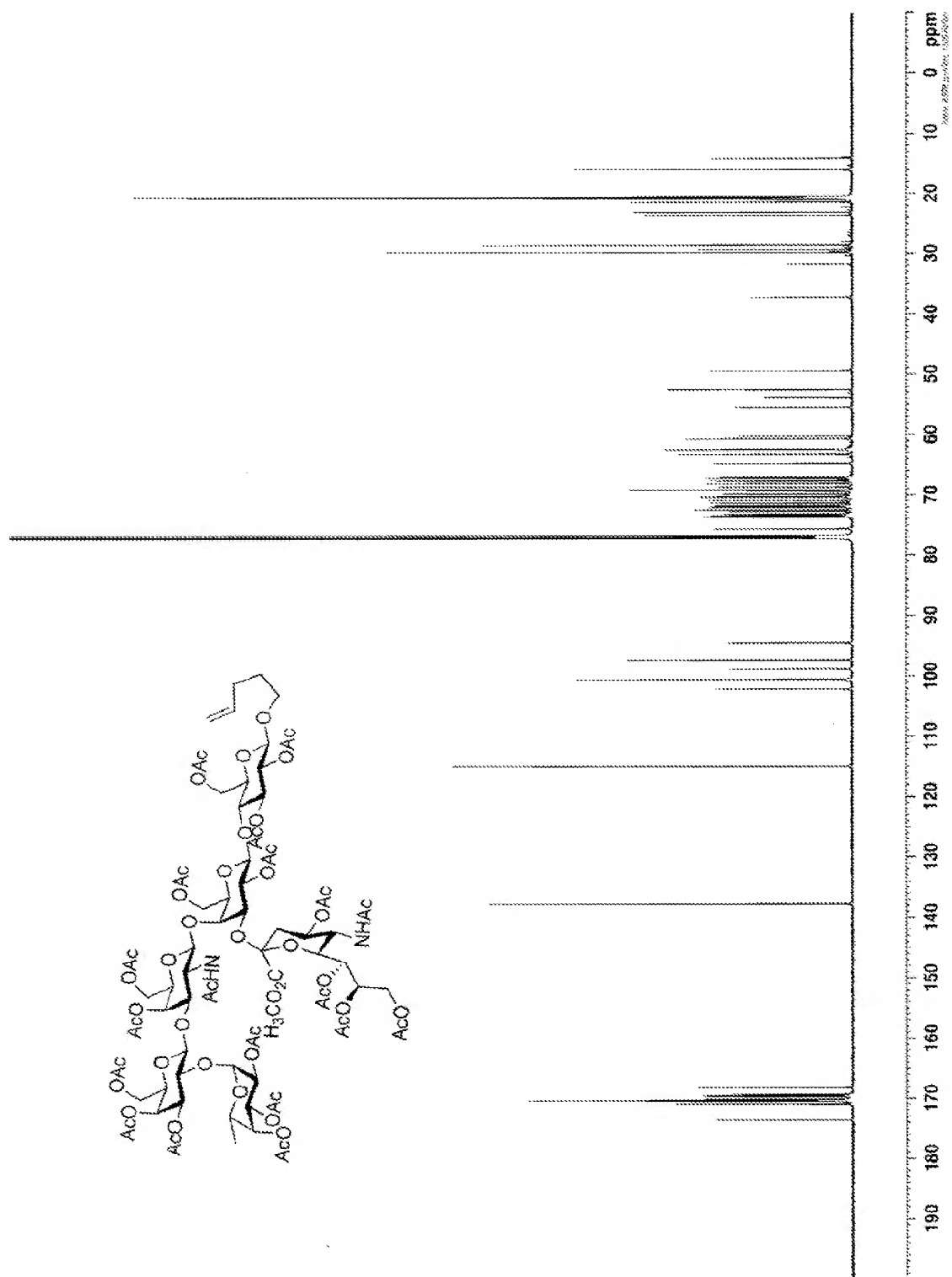
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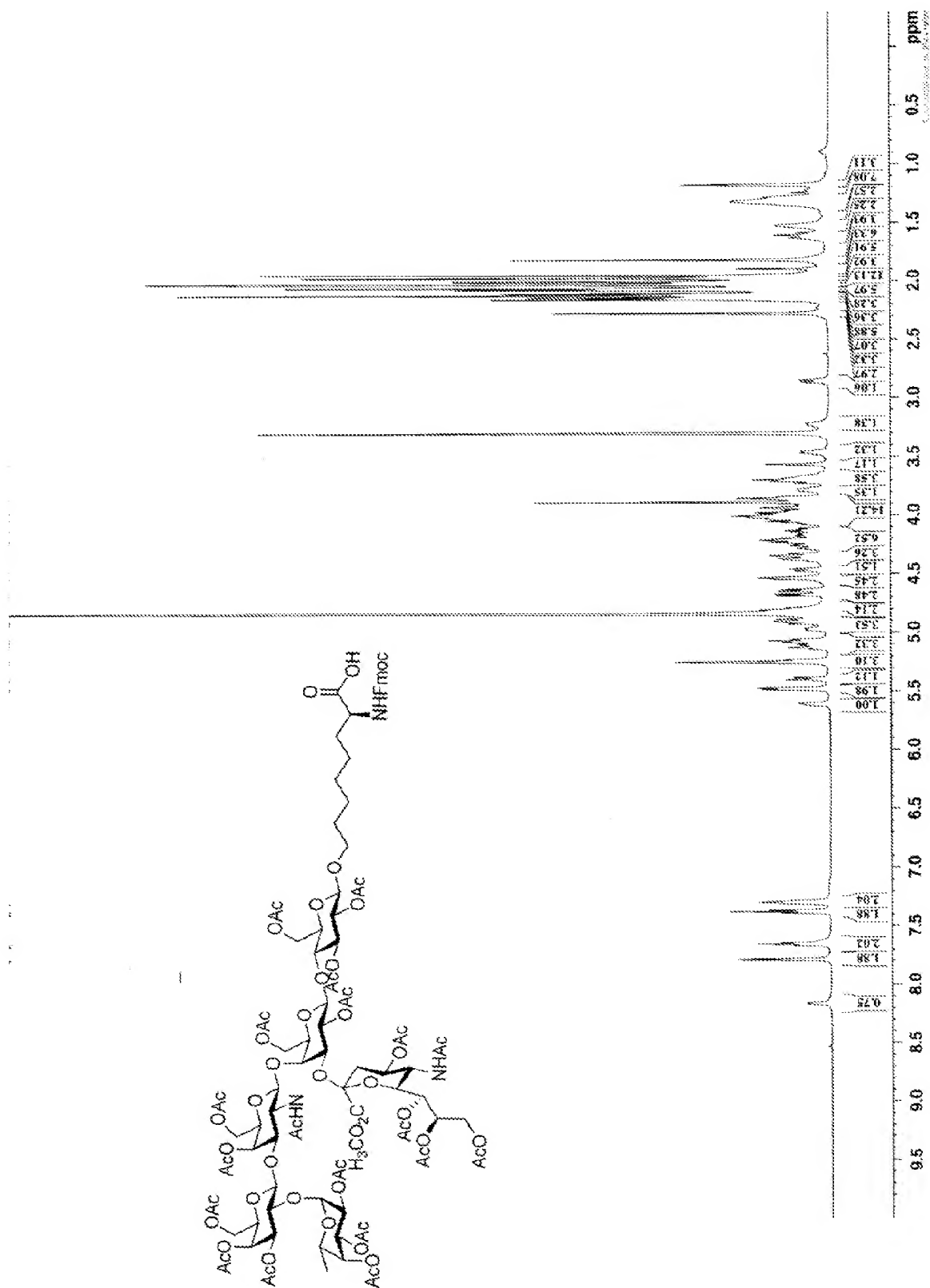
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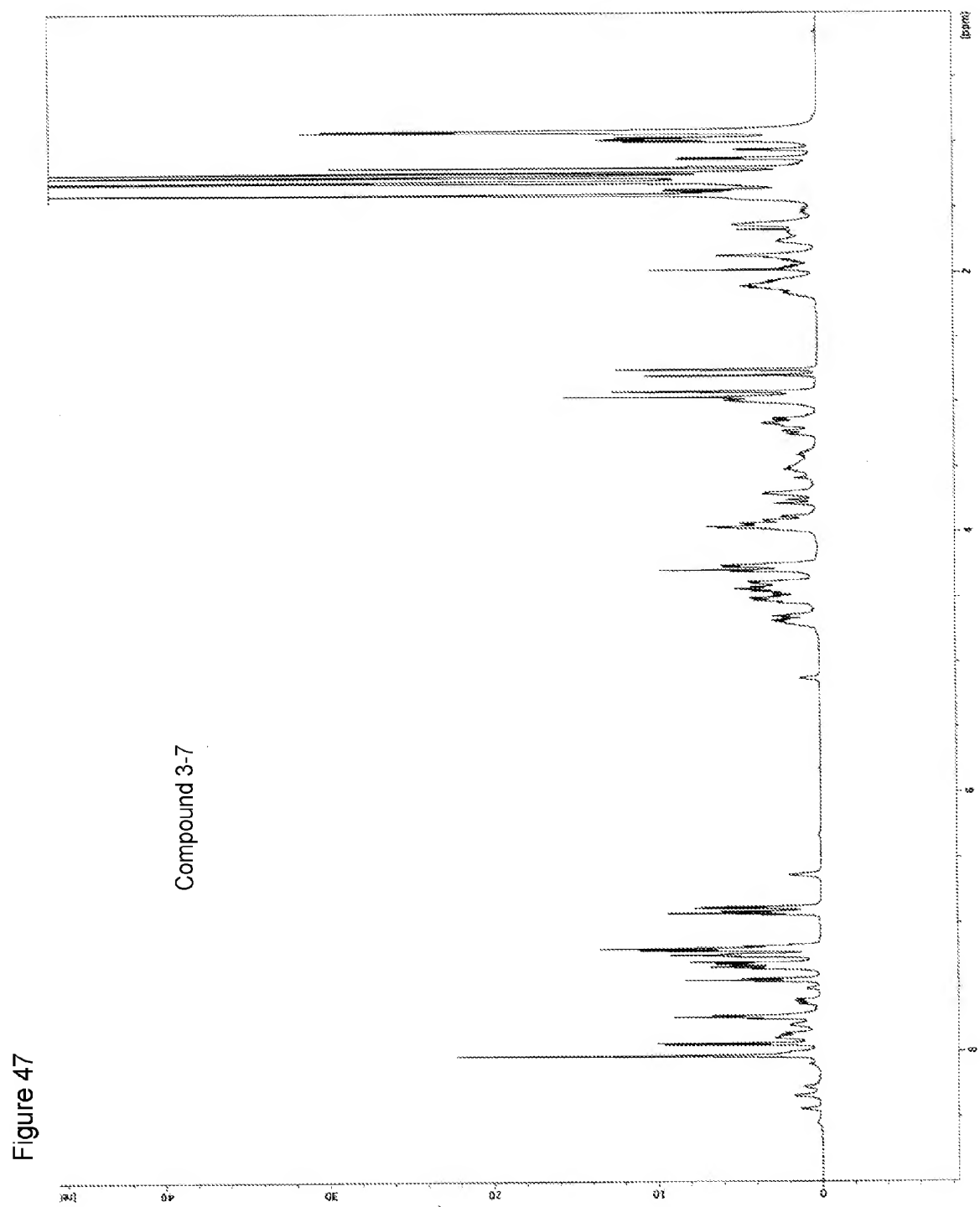


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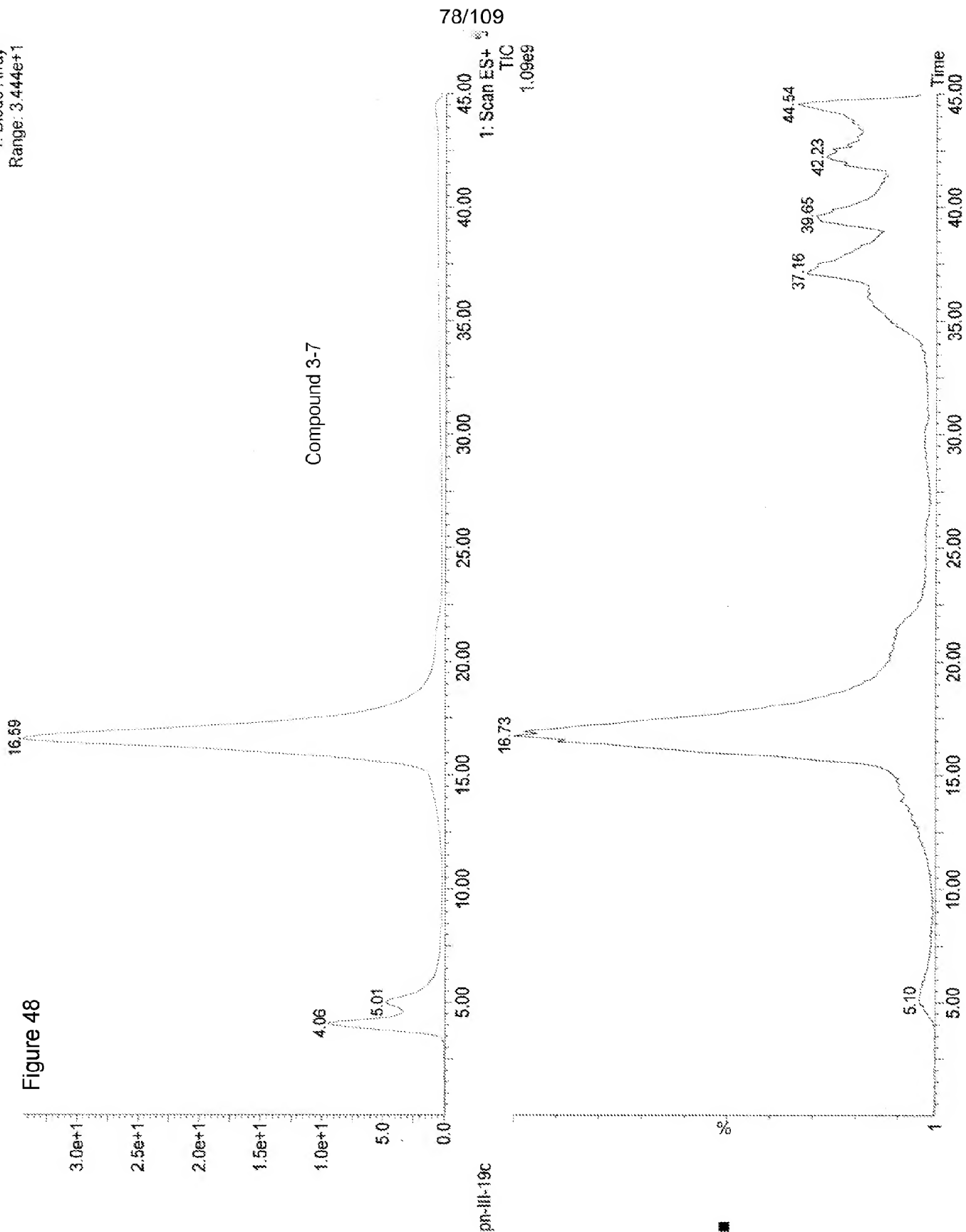


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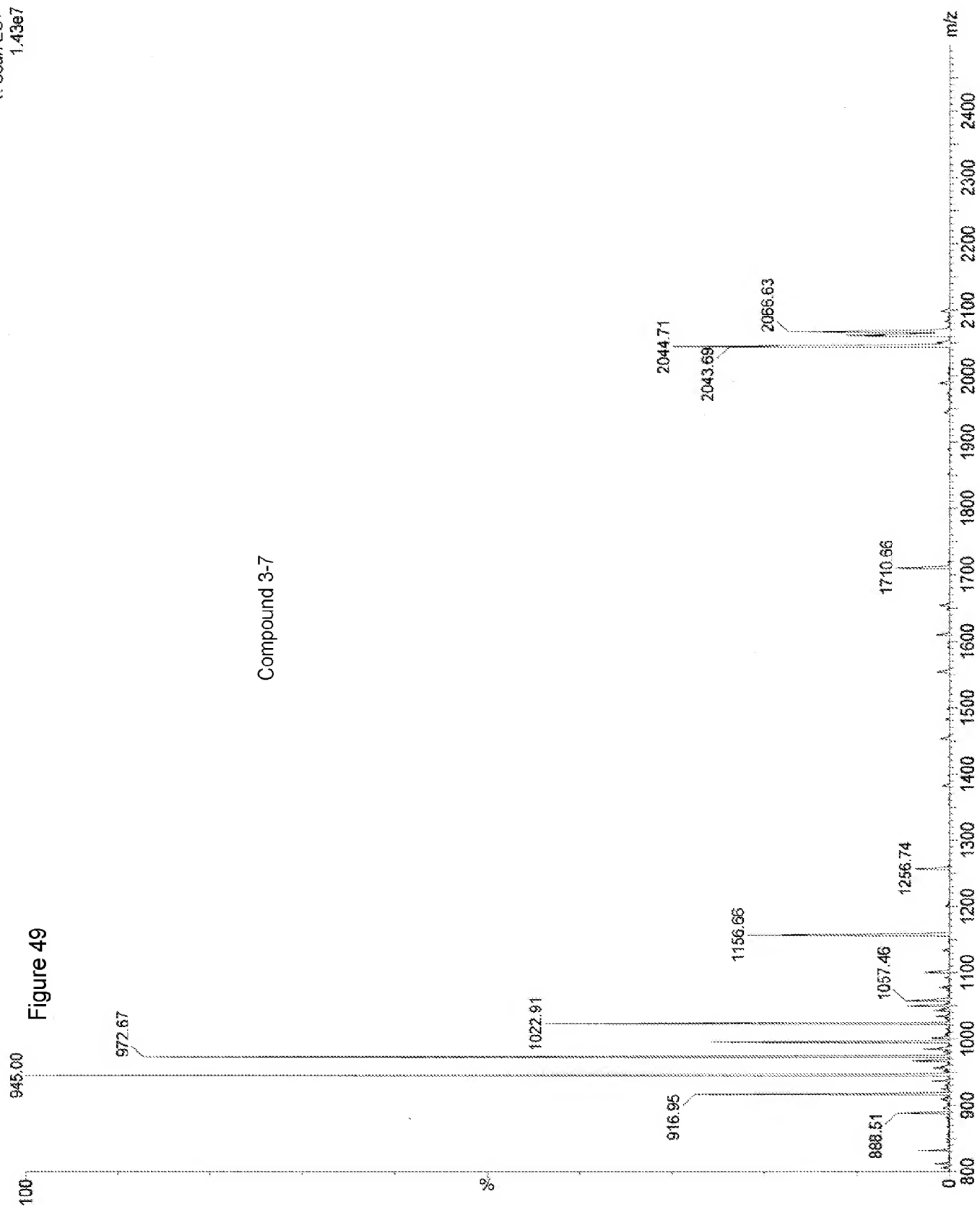


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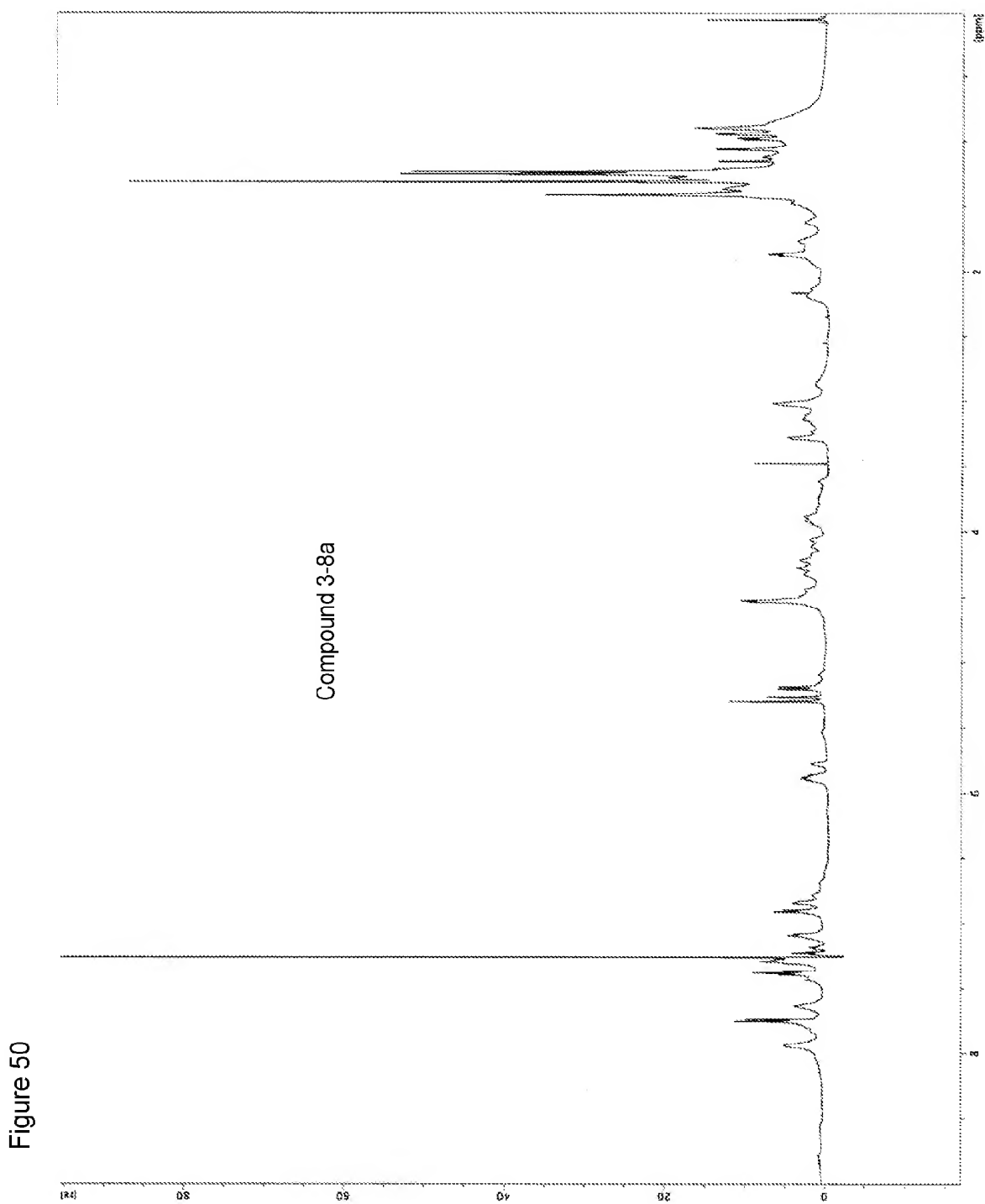
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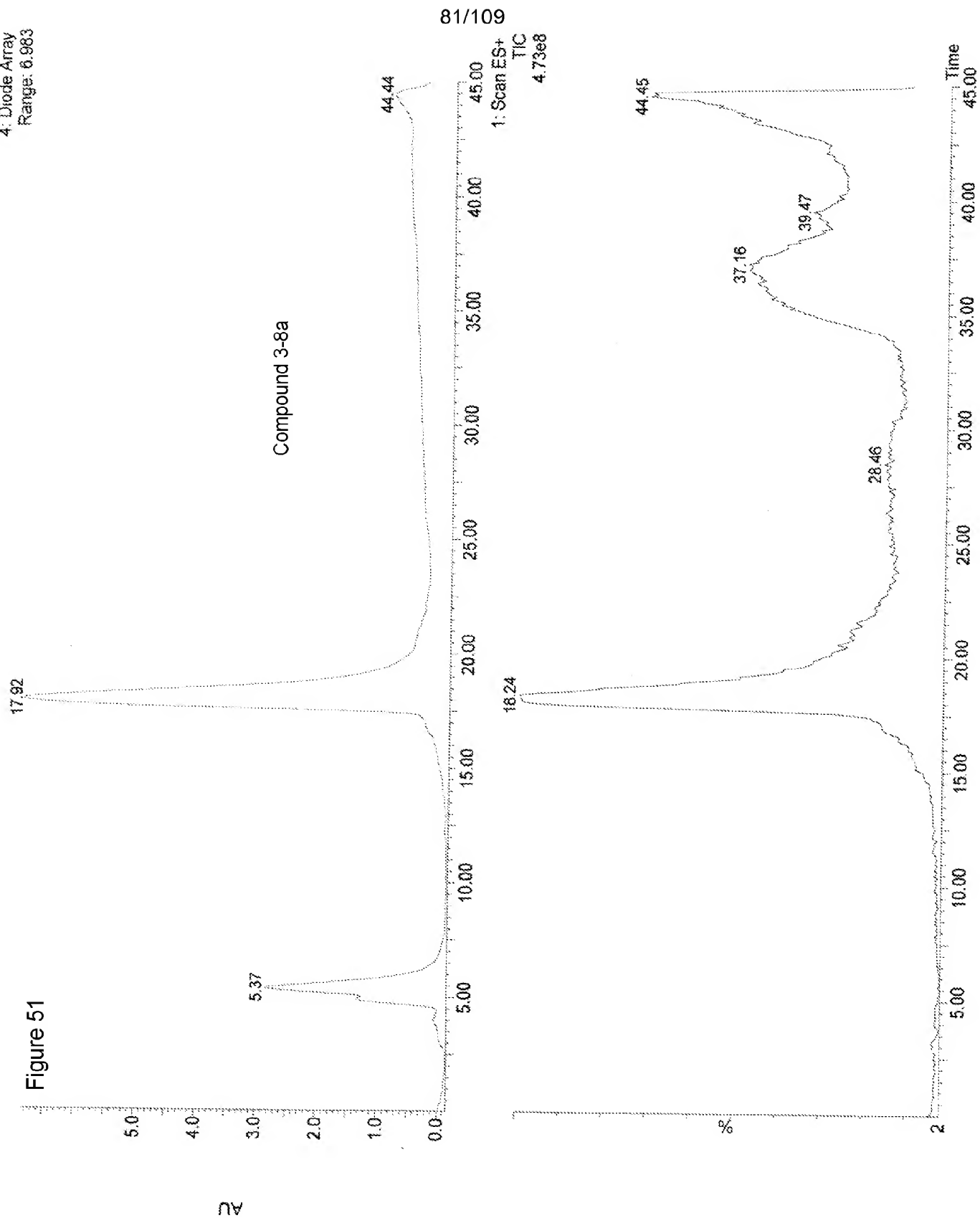
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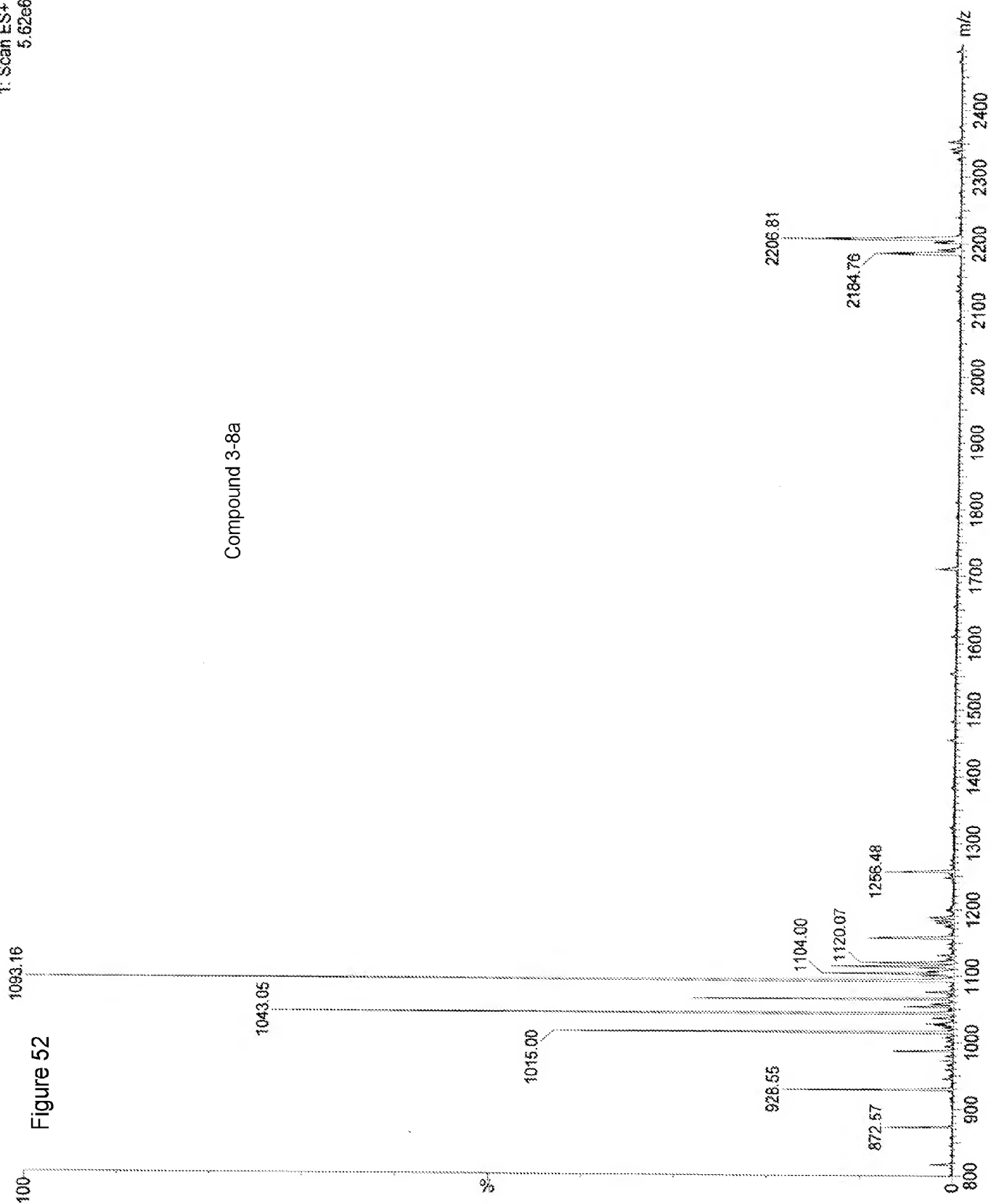
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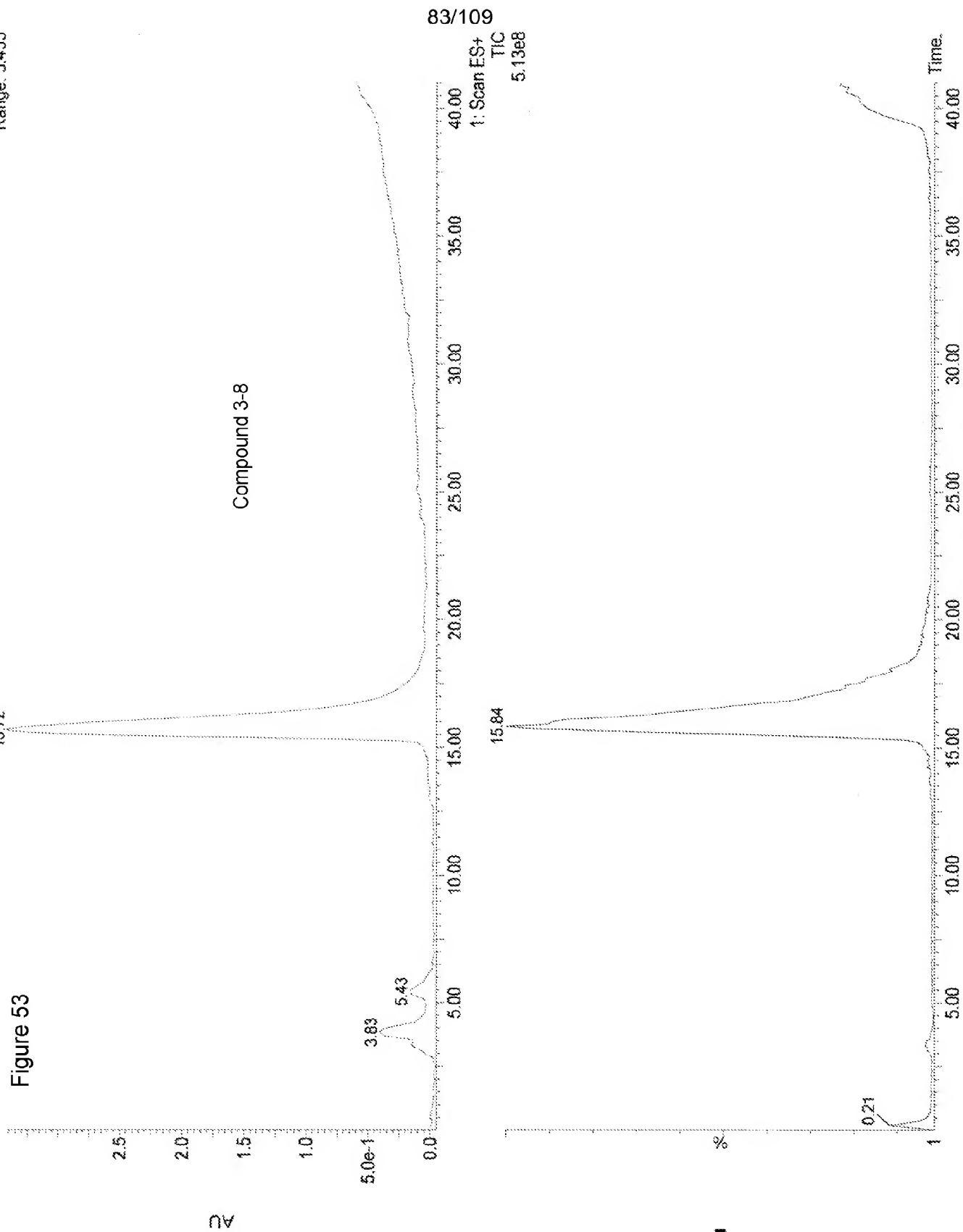
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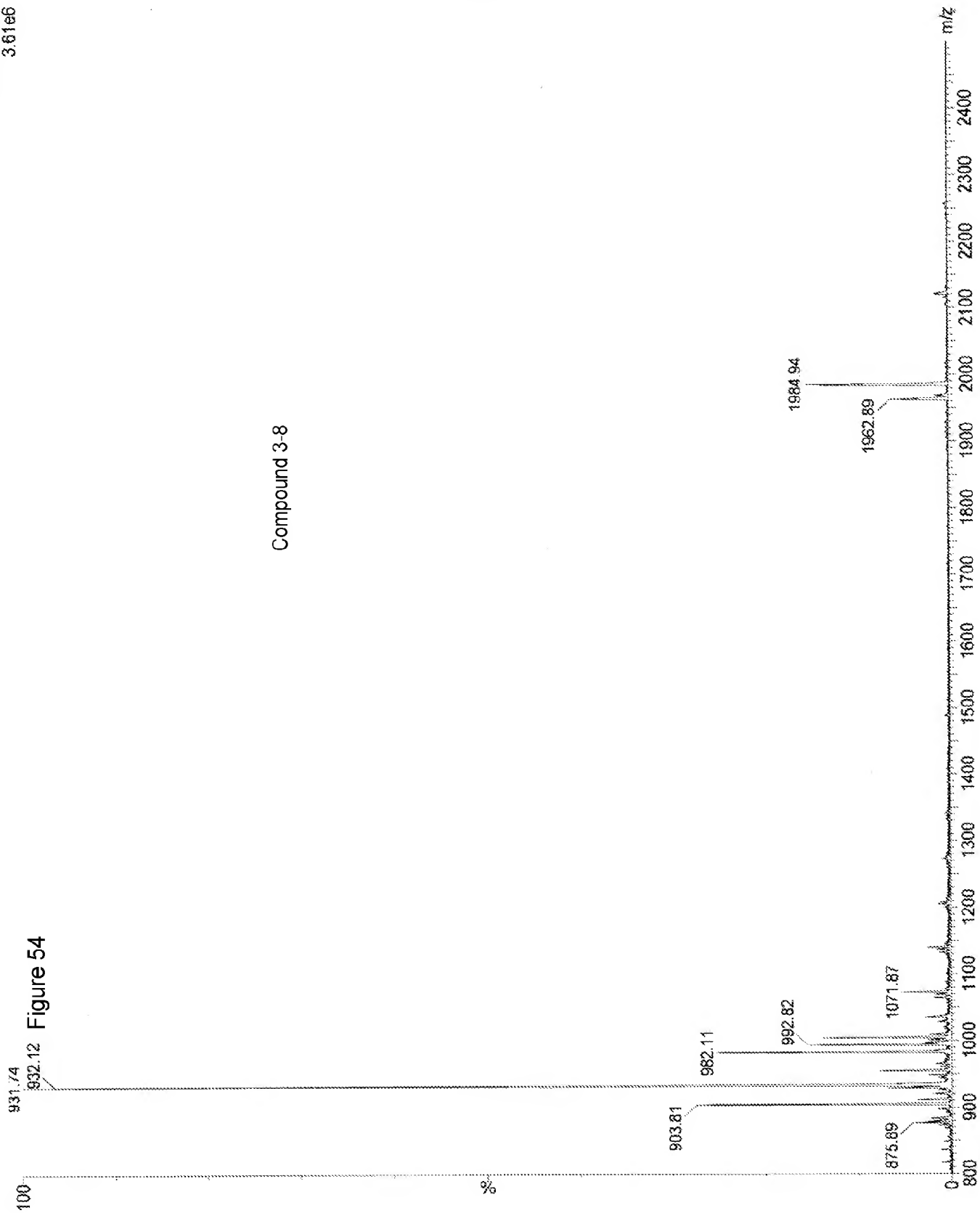
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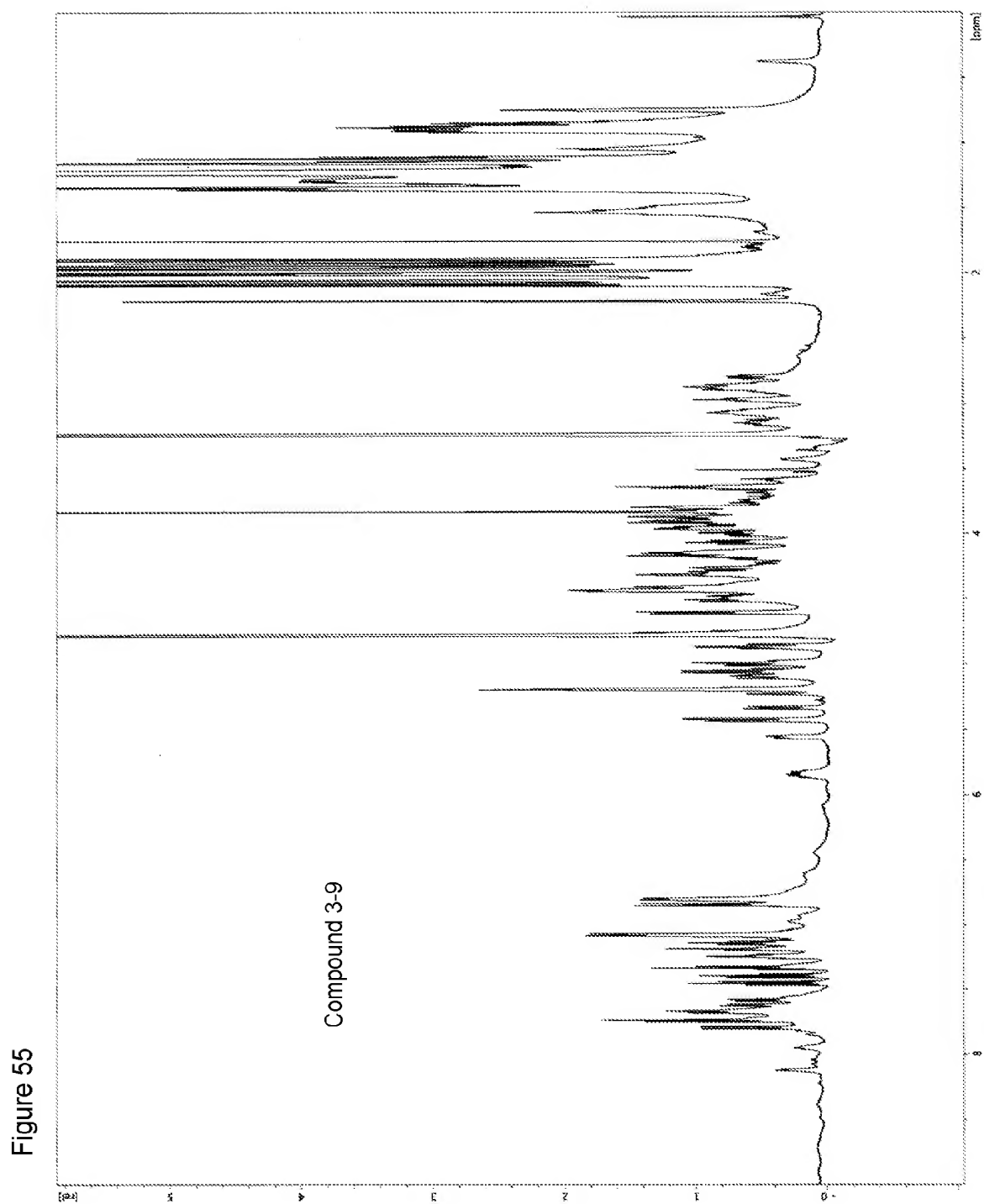
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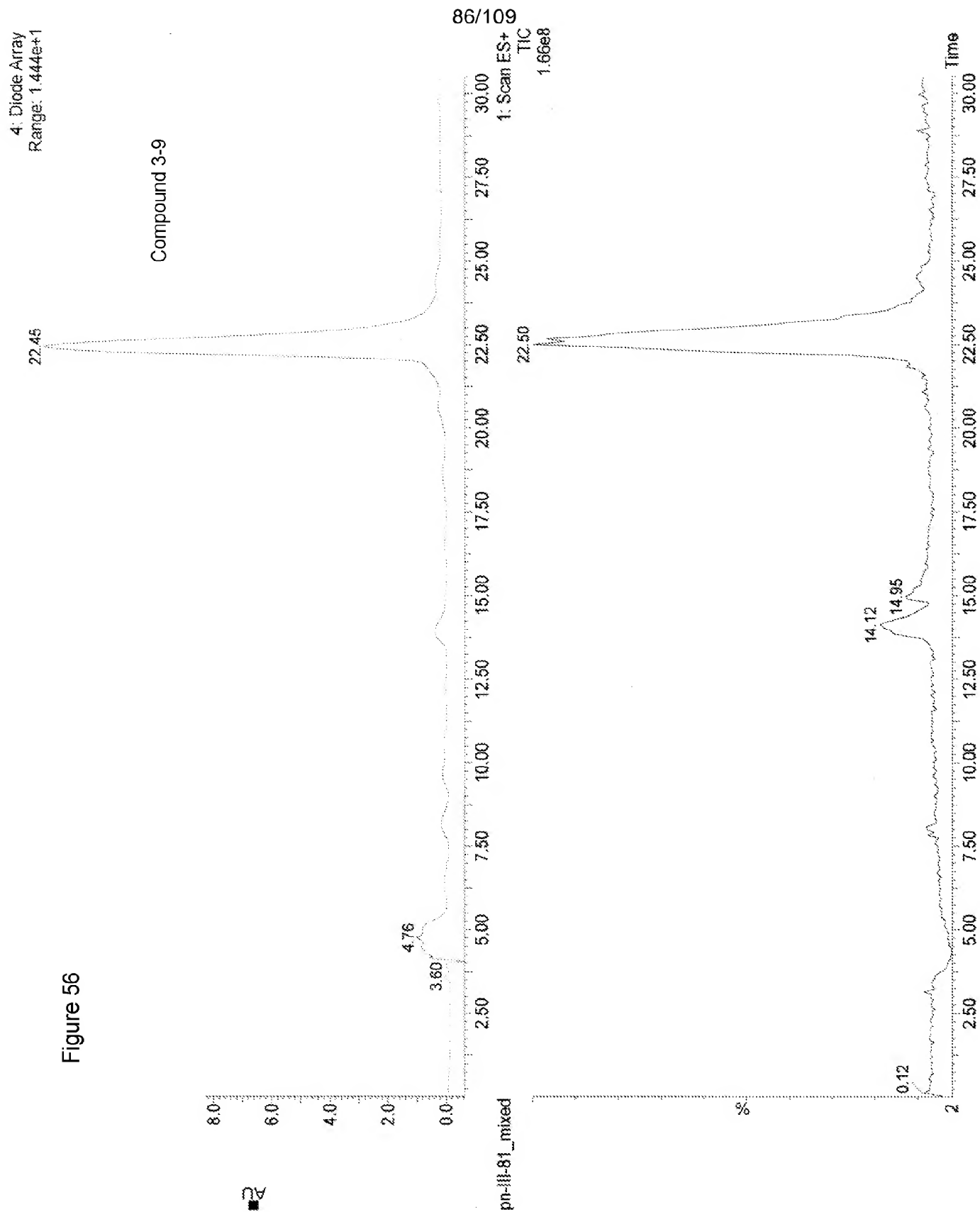


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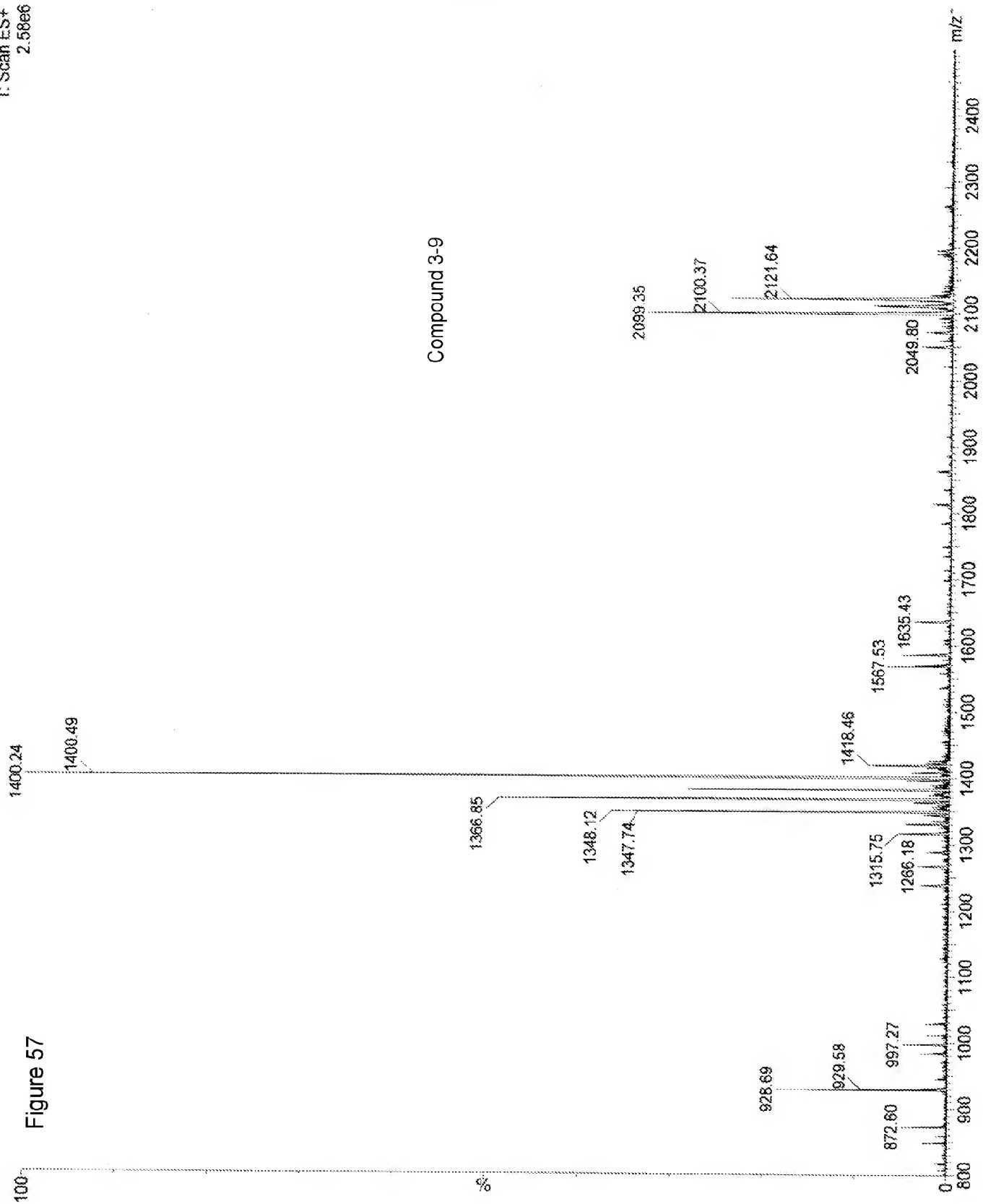
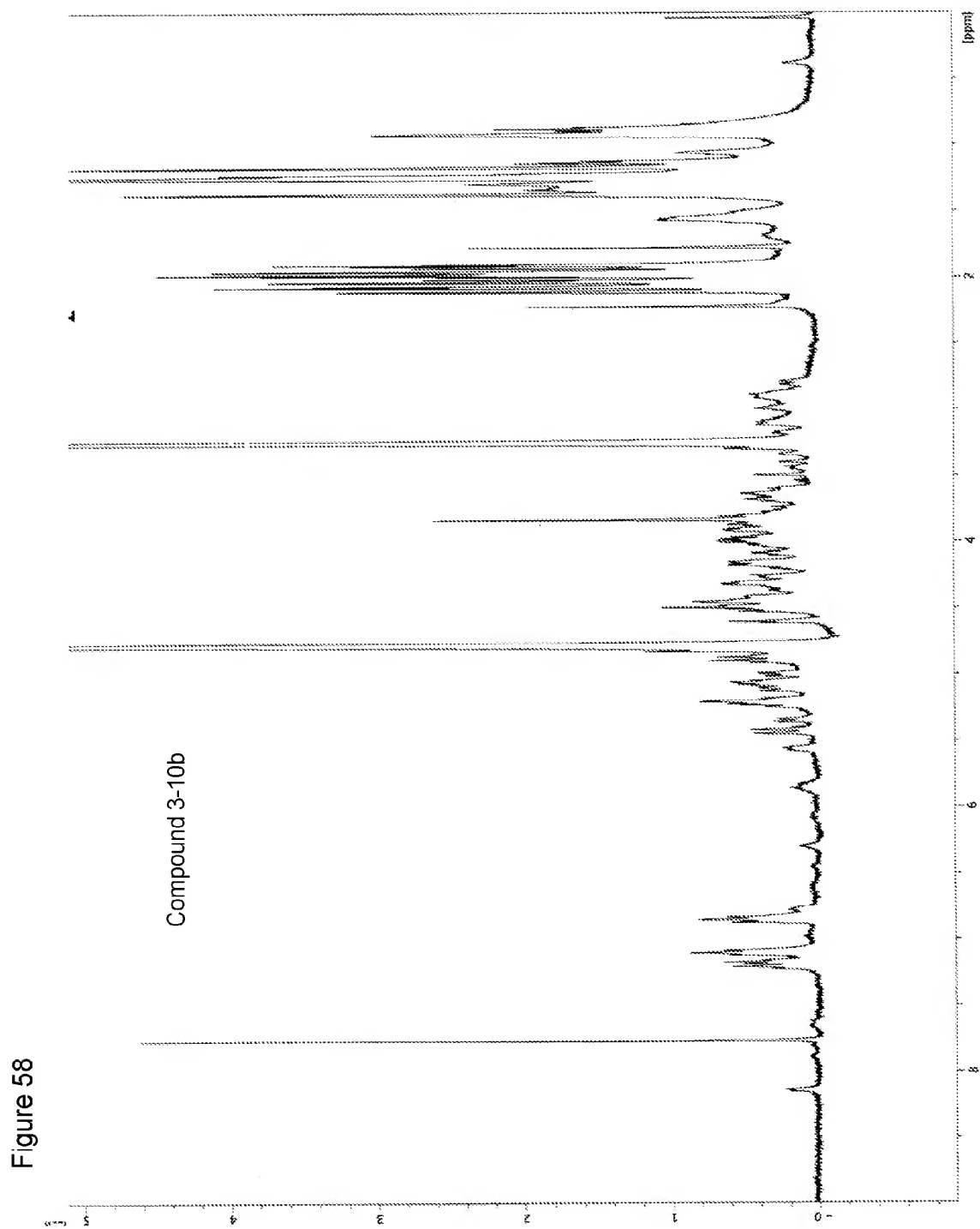
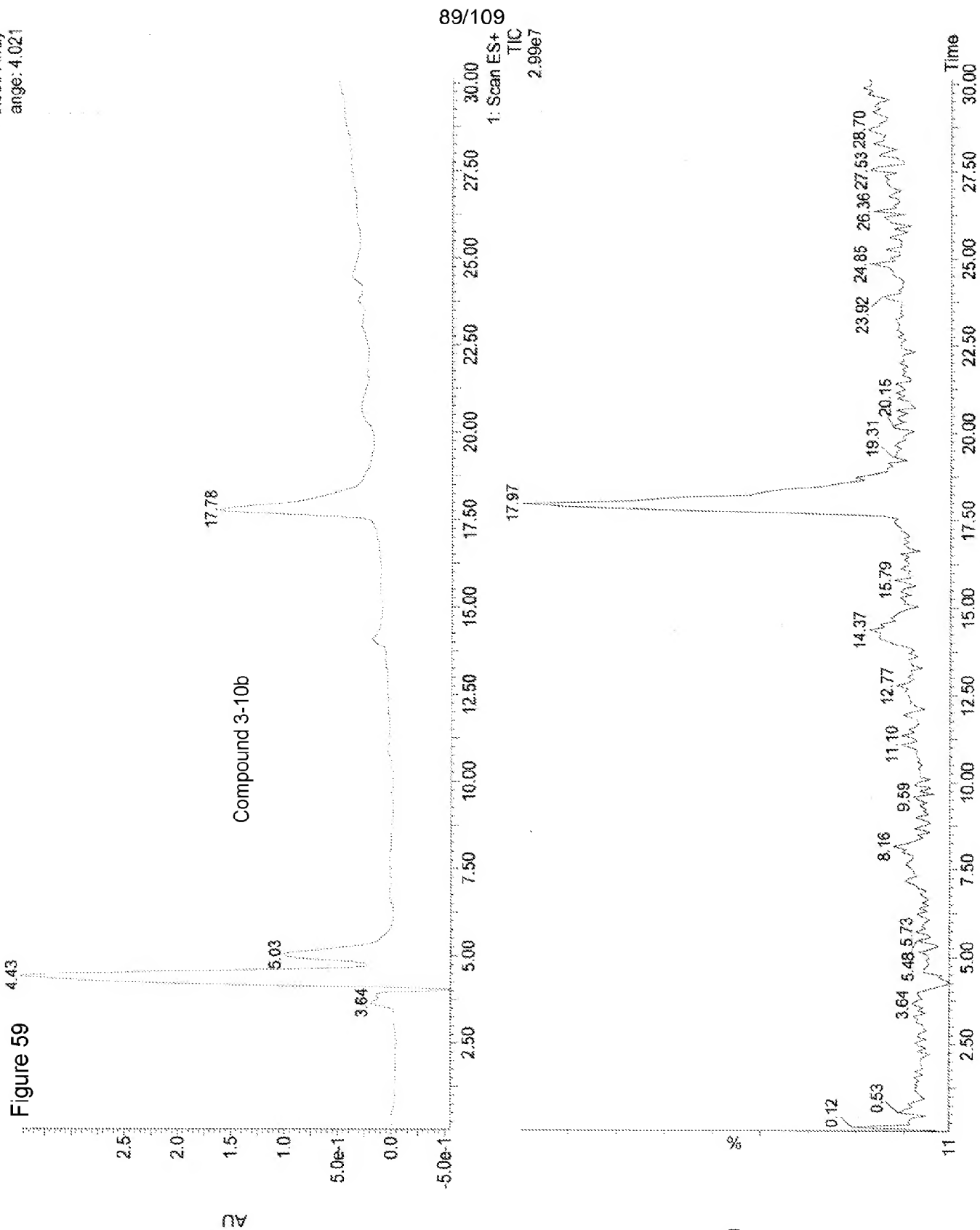
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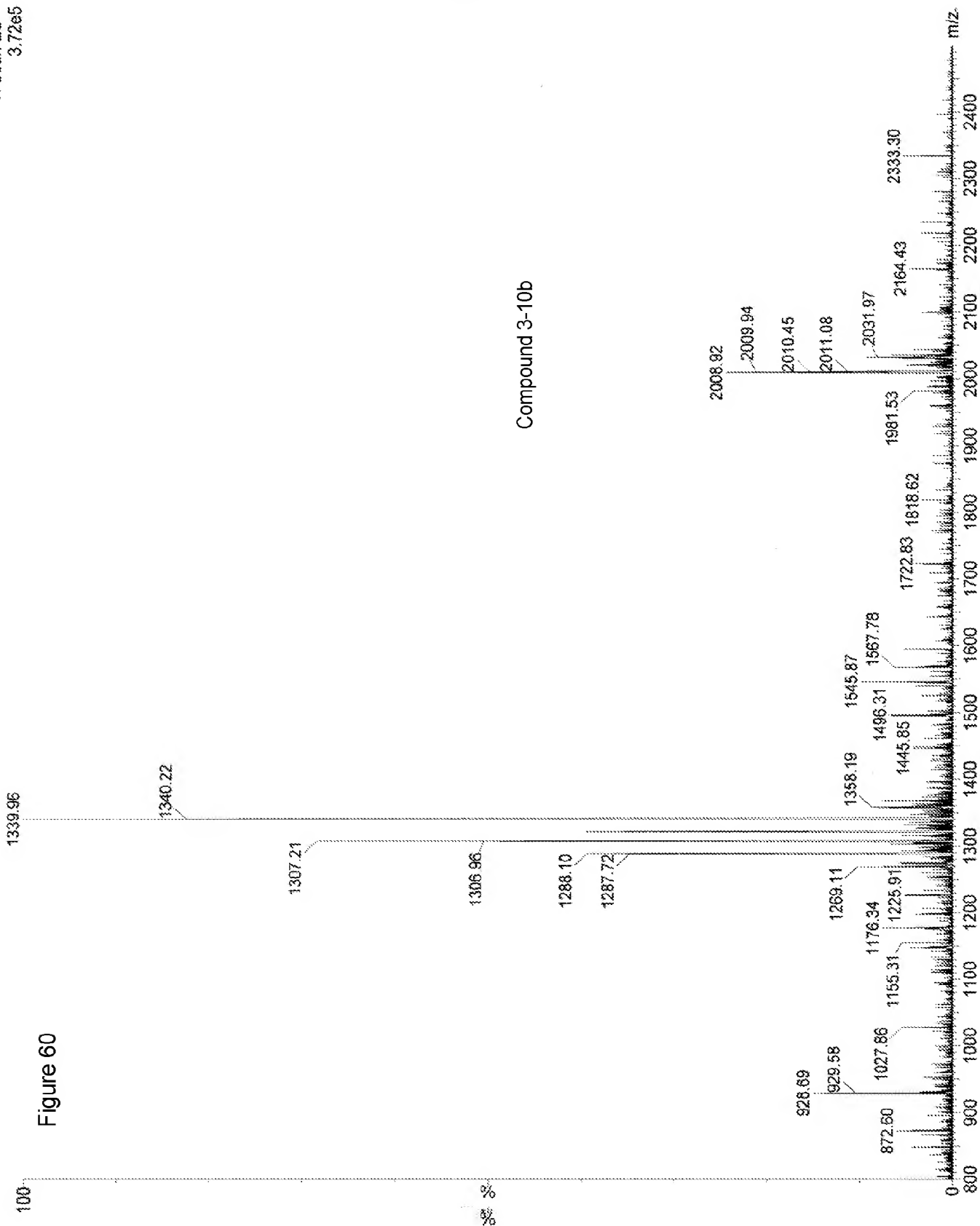


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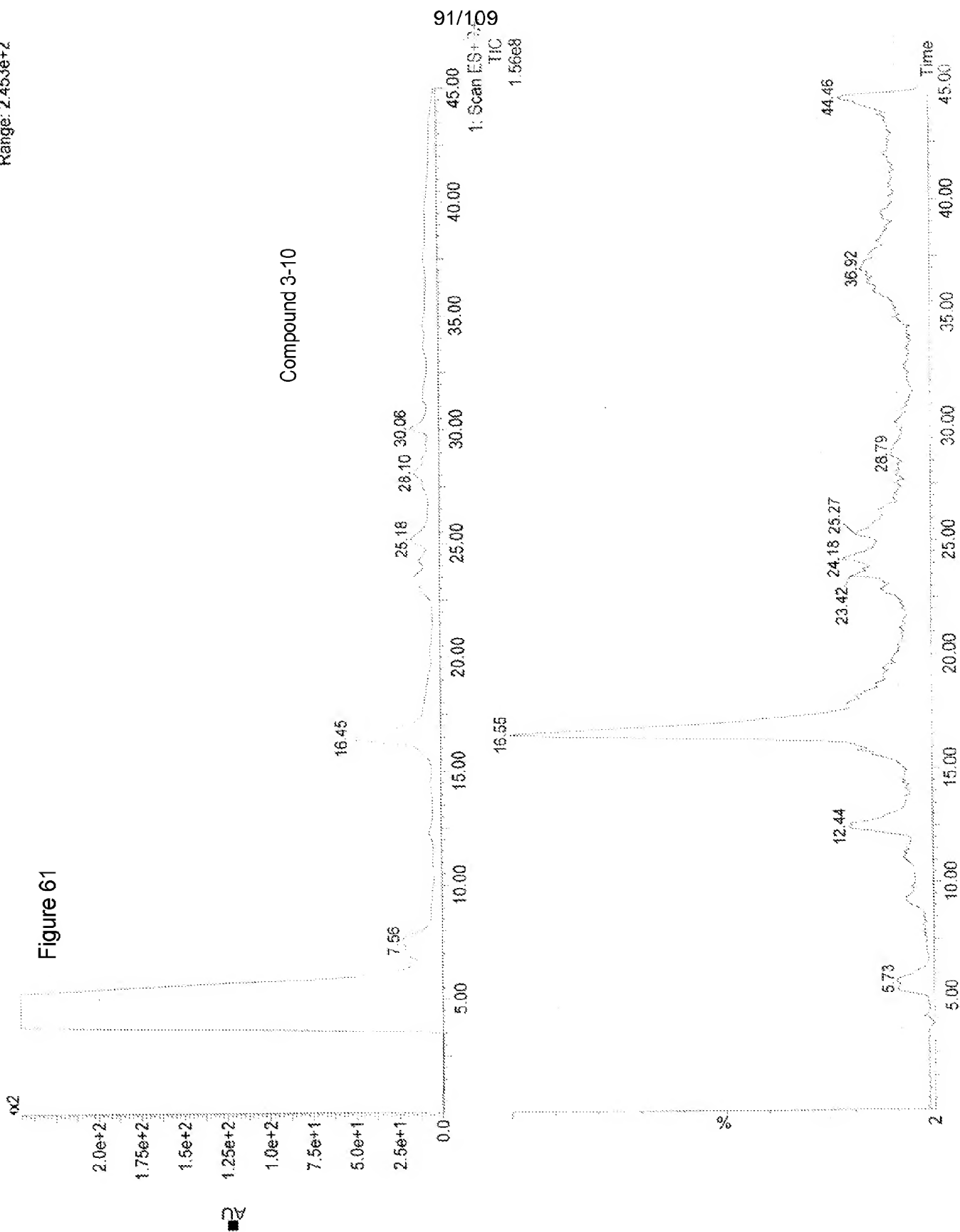


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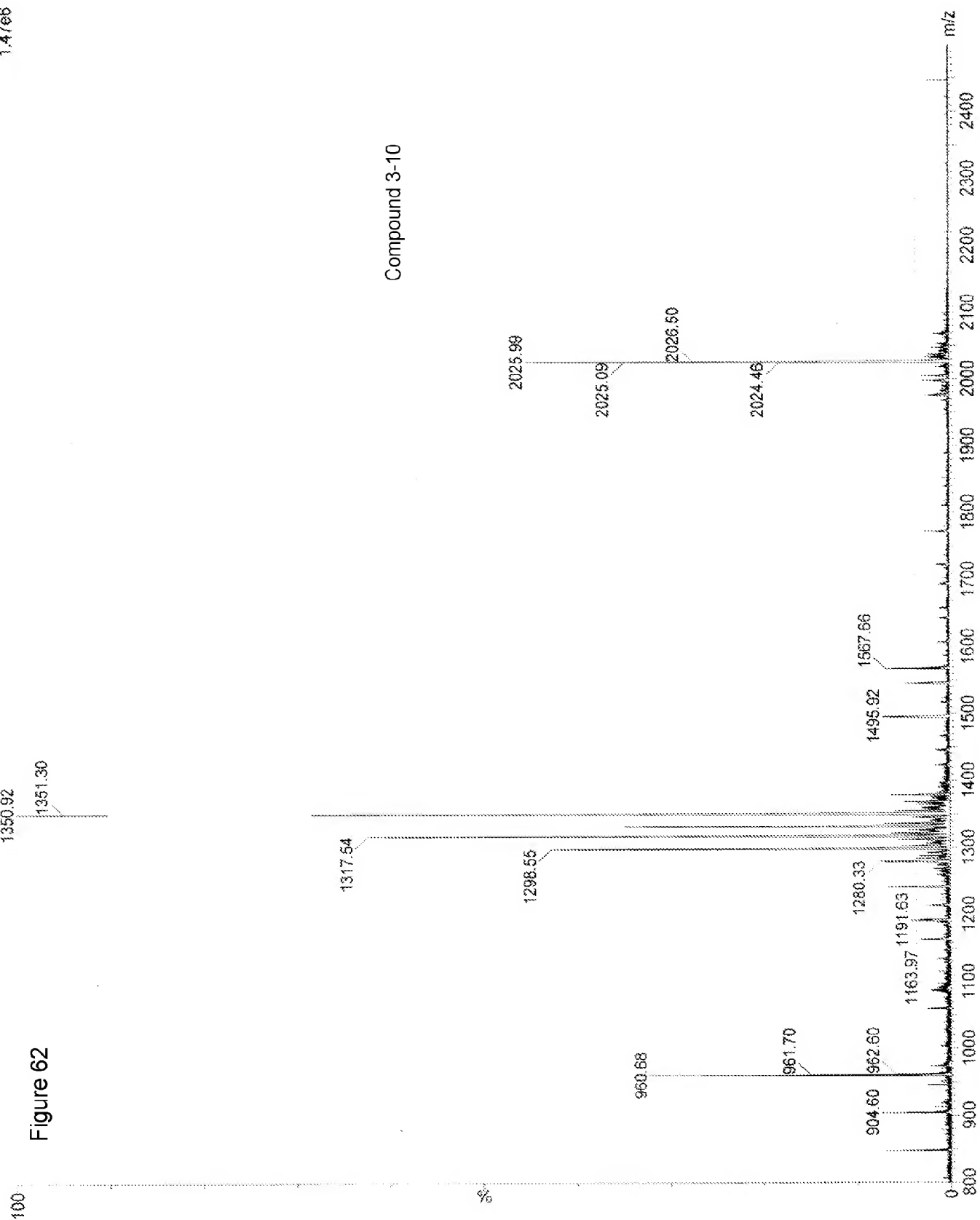


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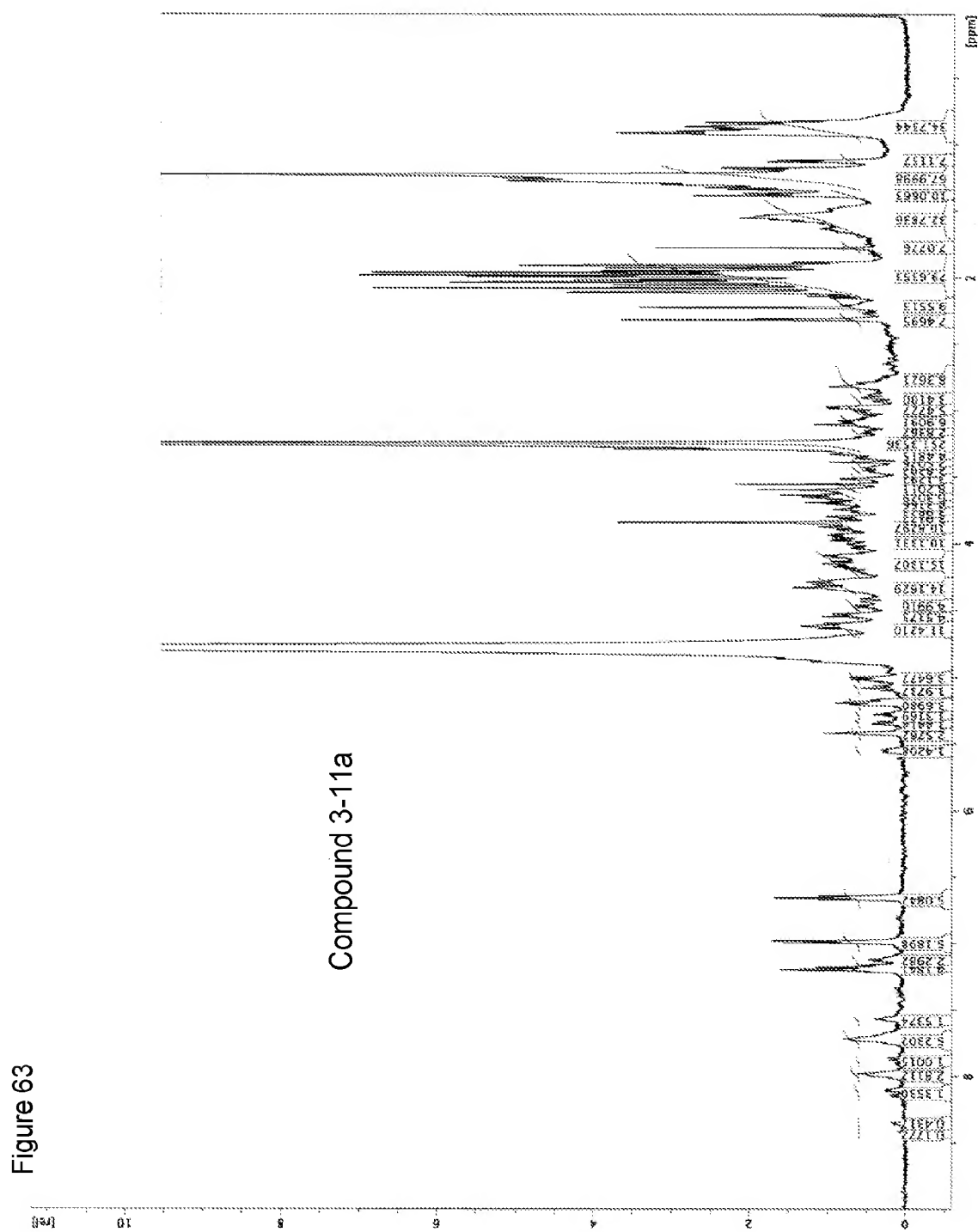


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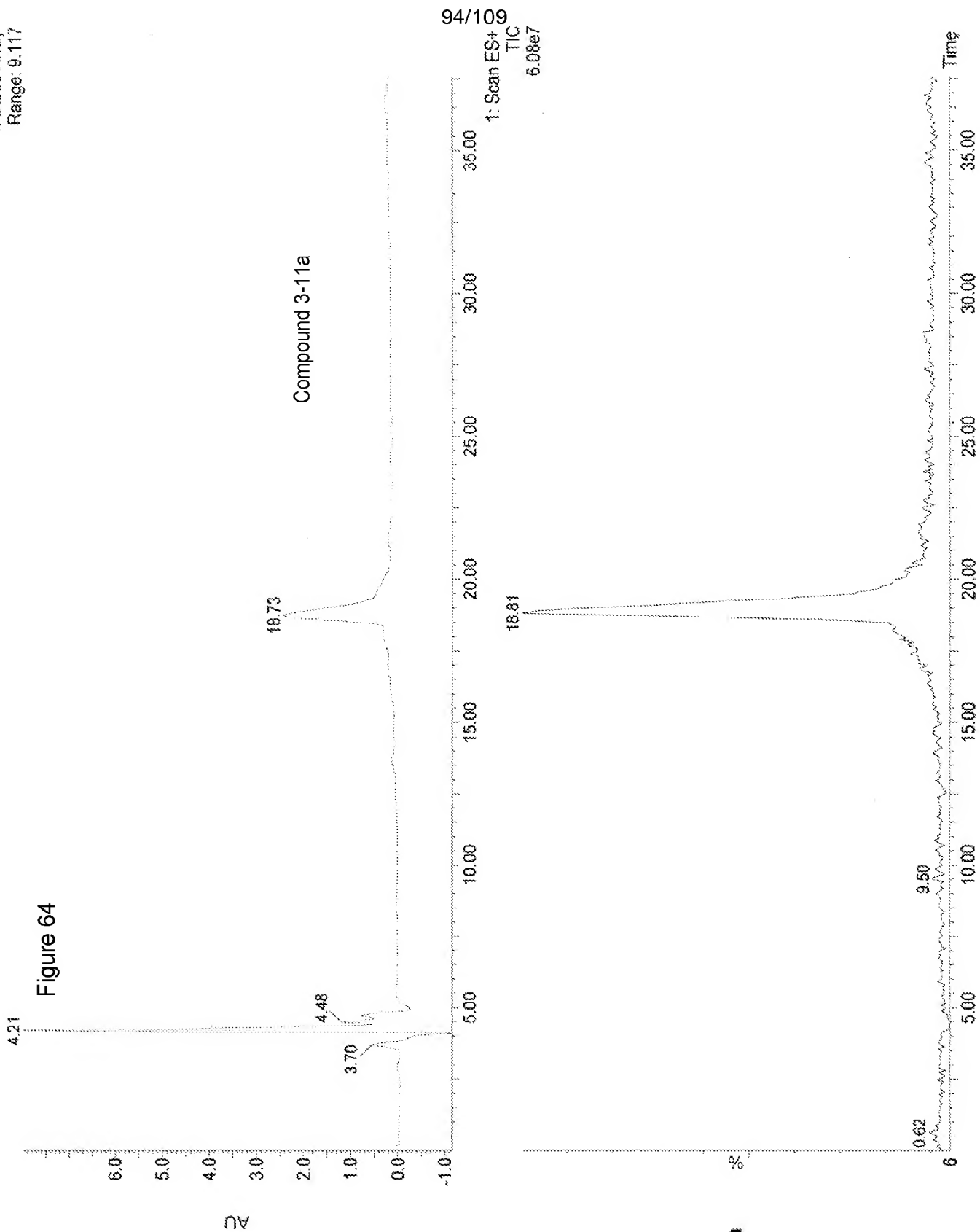


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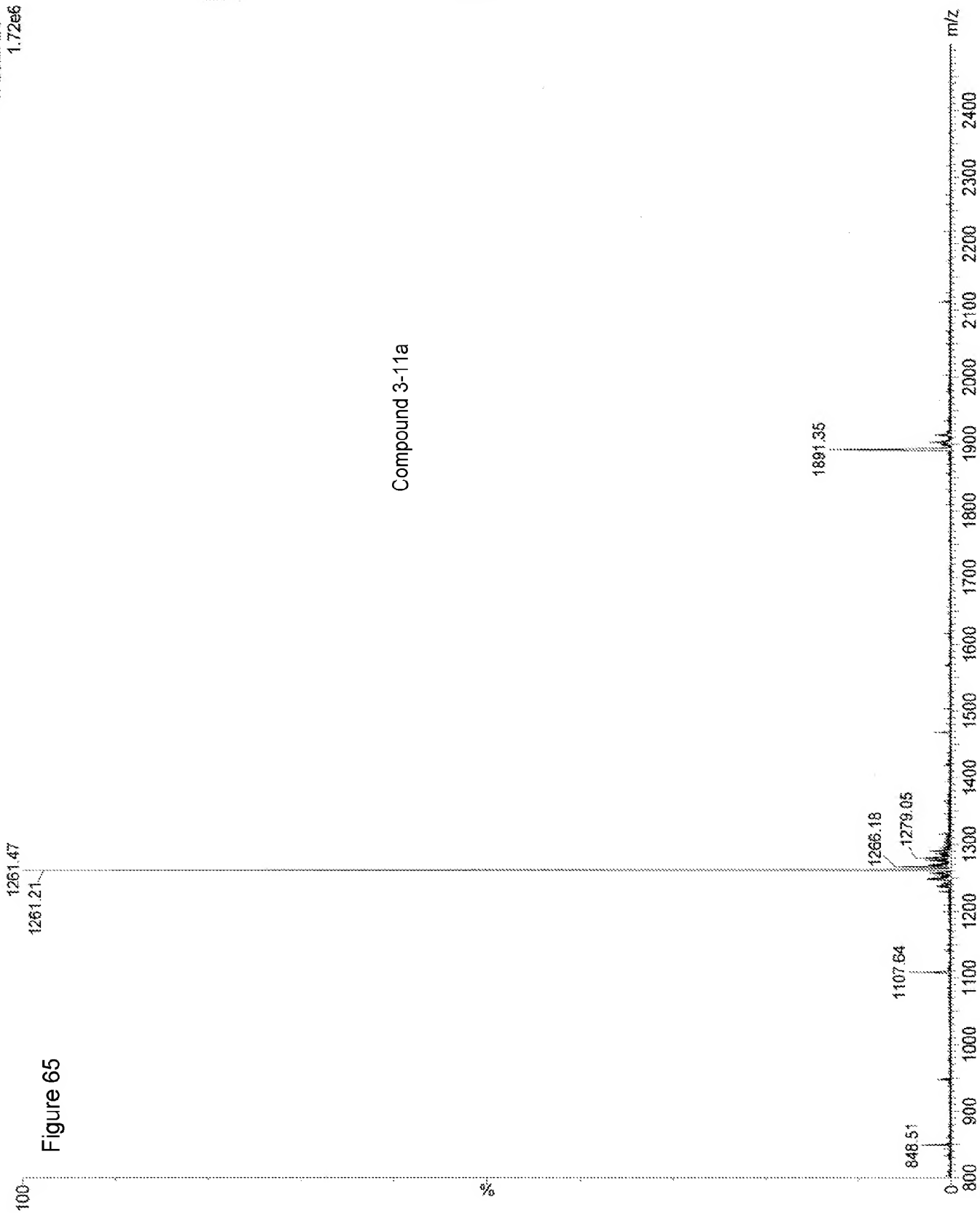
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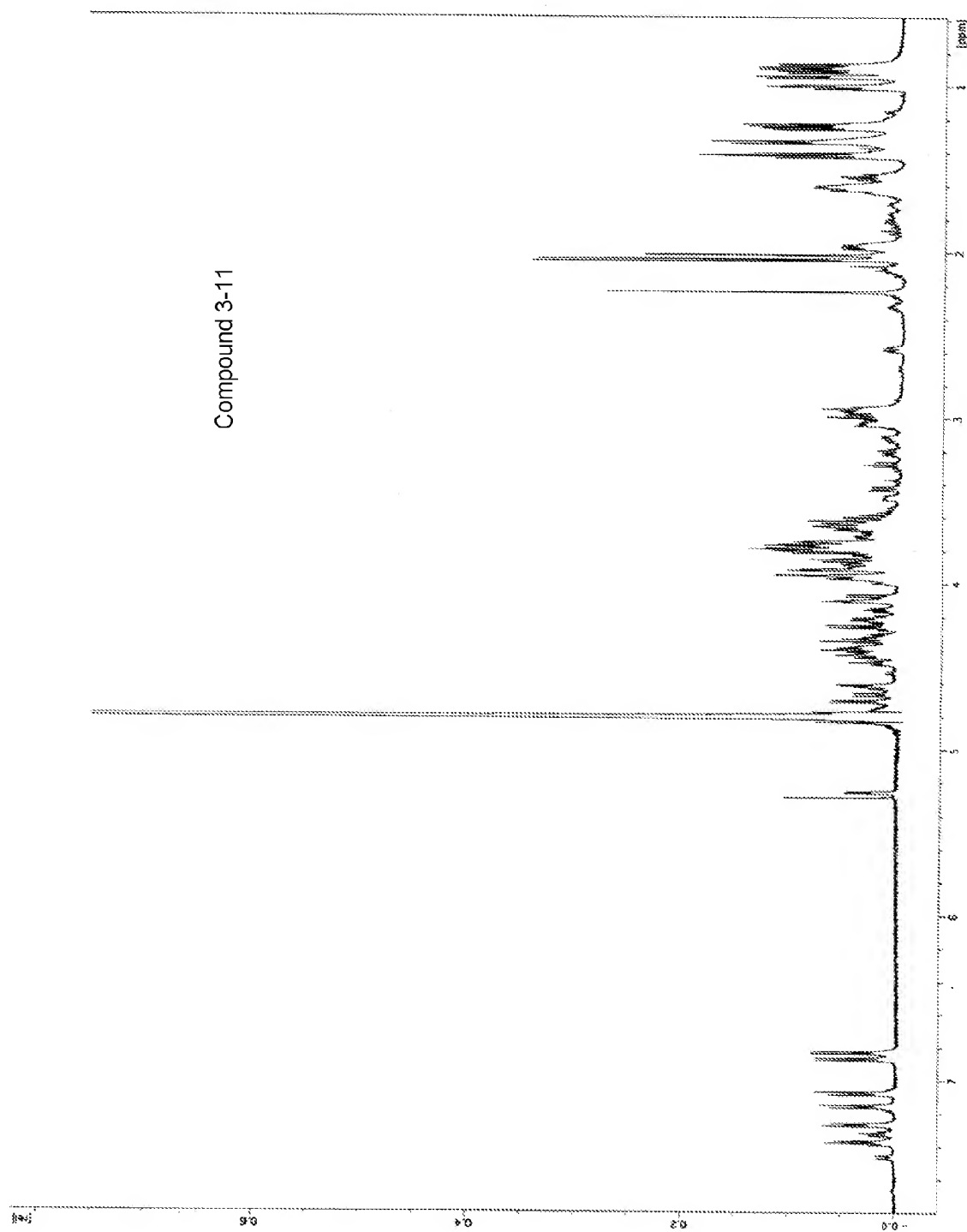
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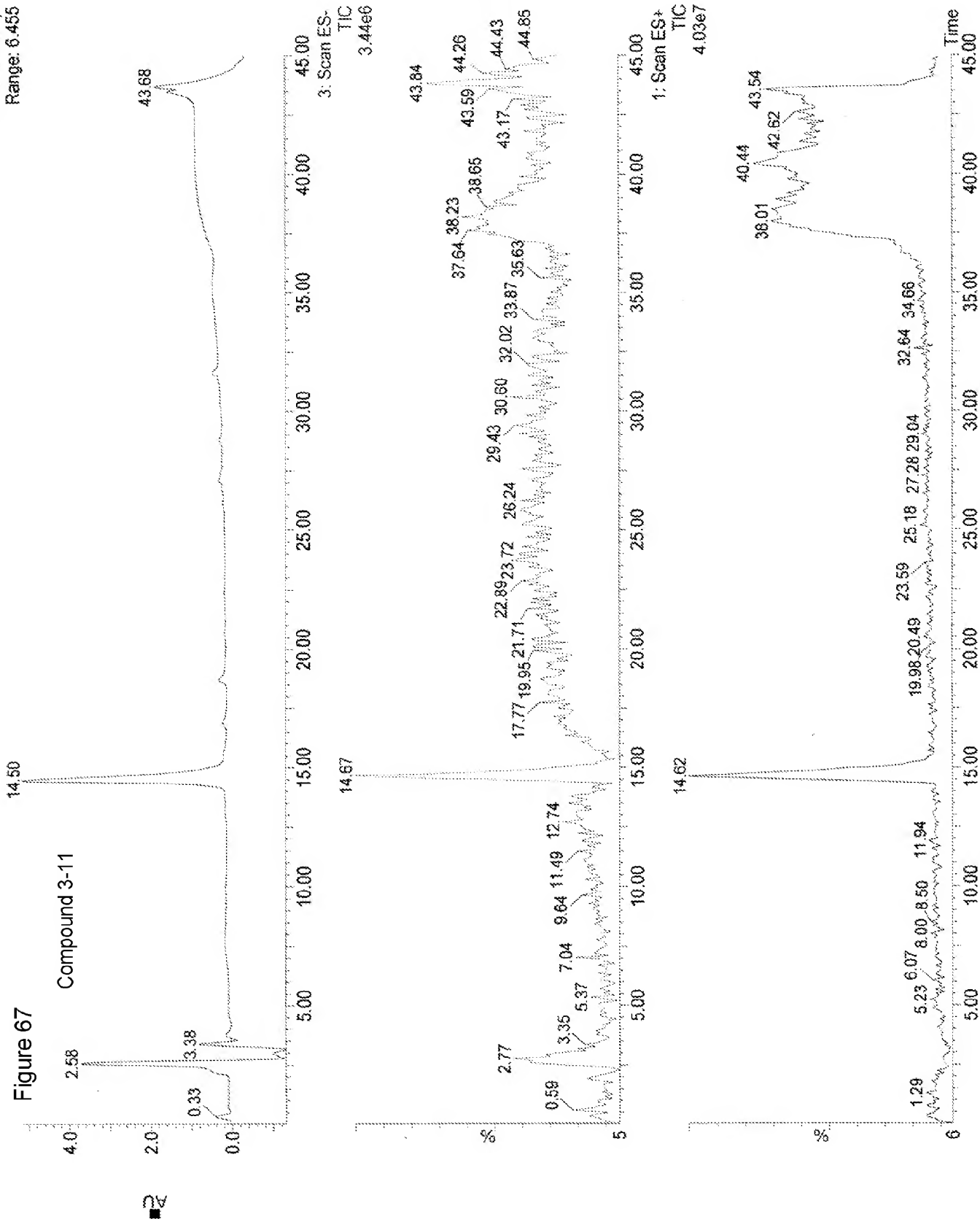


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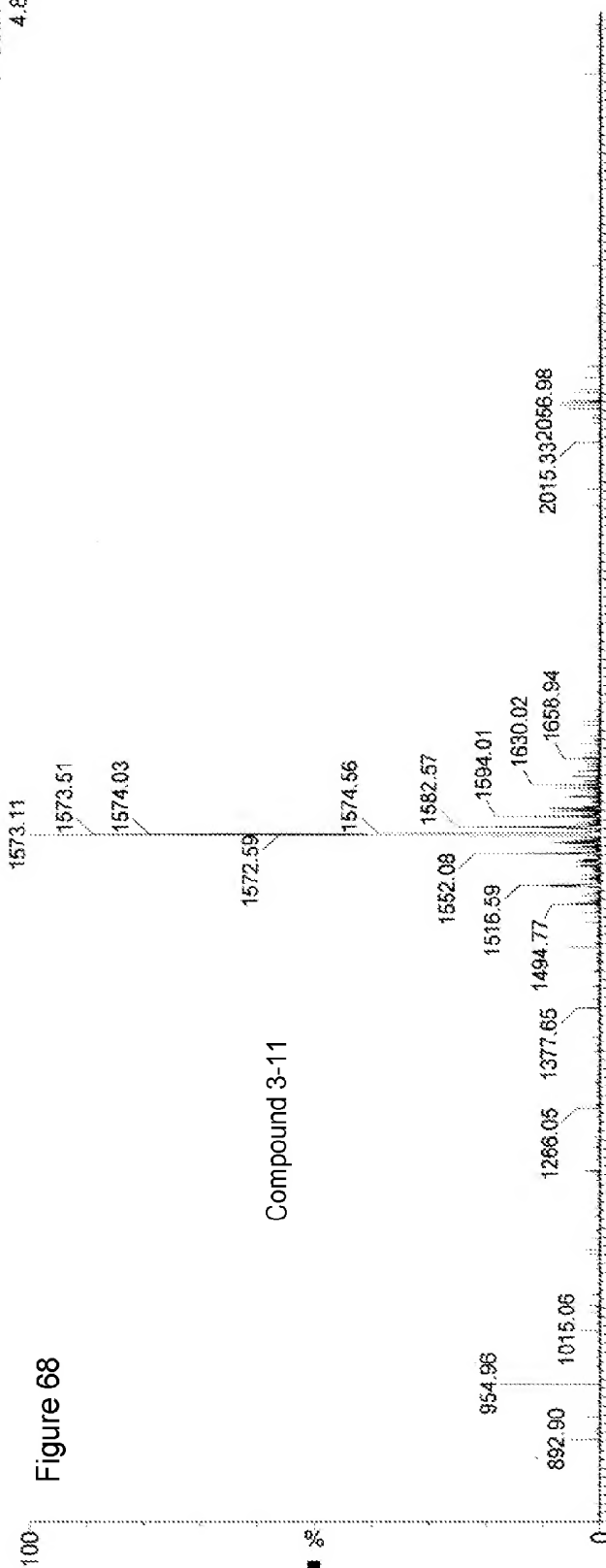
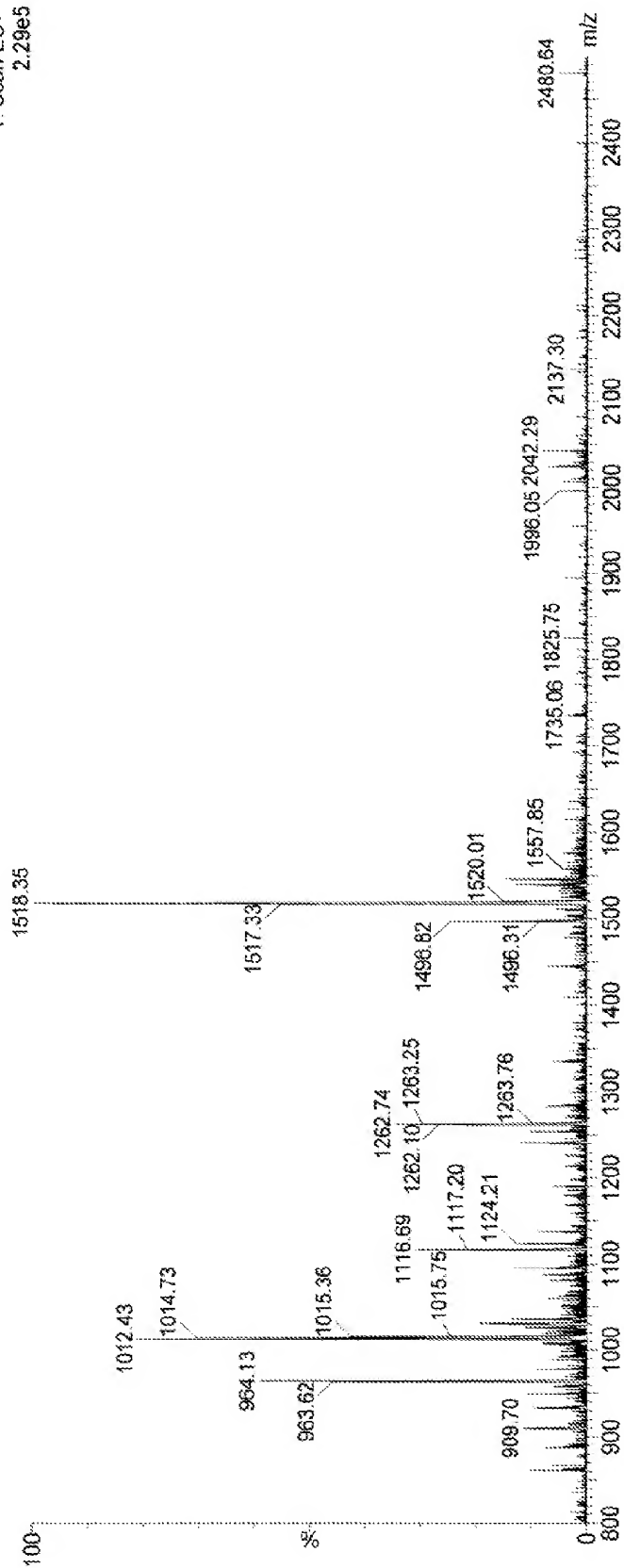


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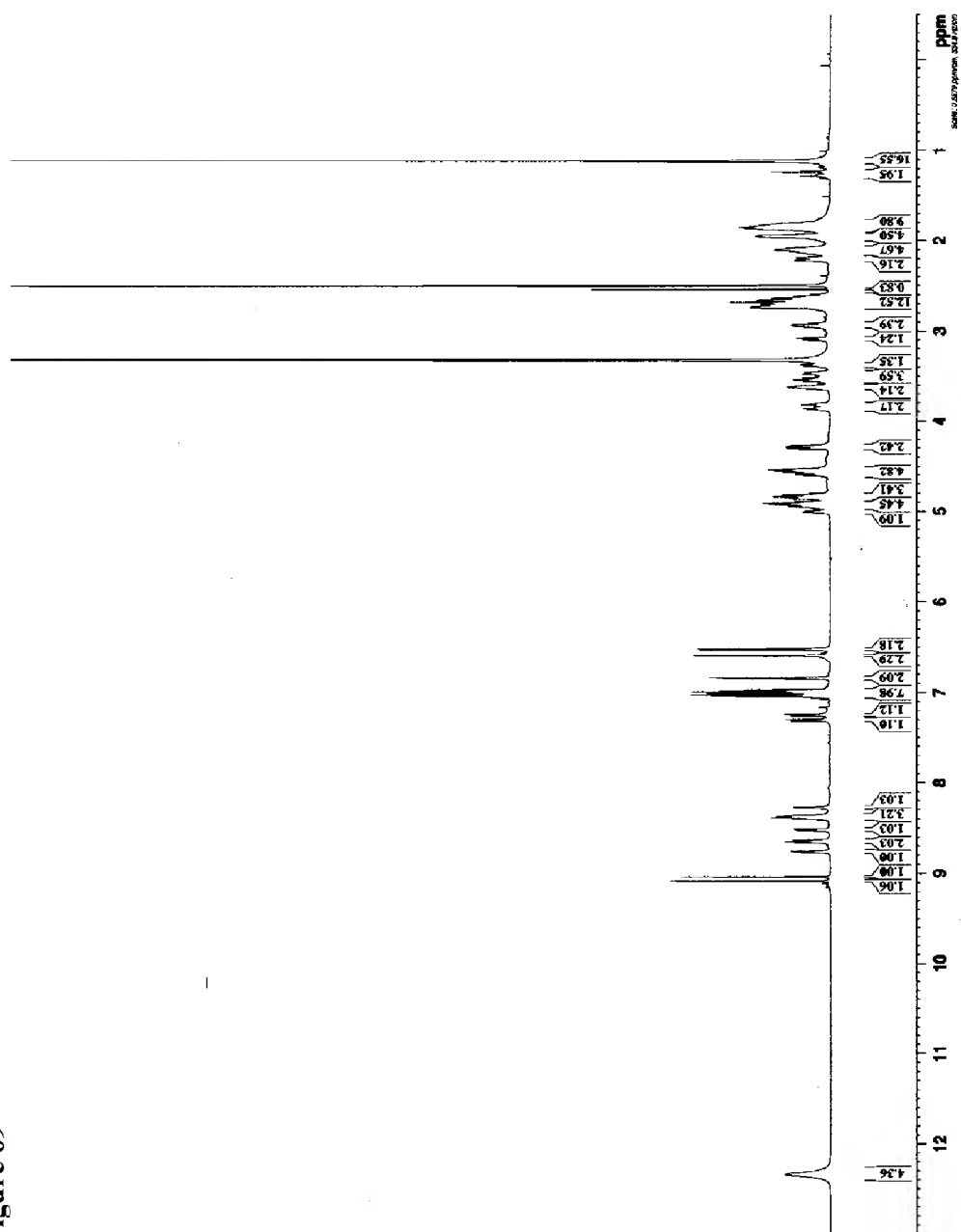


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3. Scan ES-
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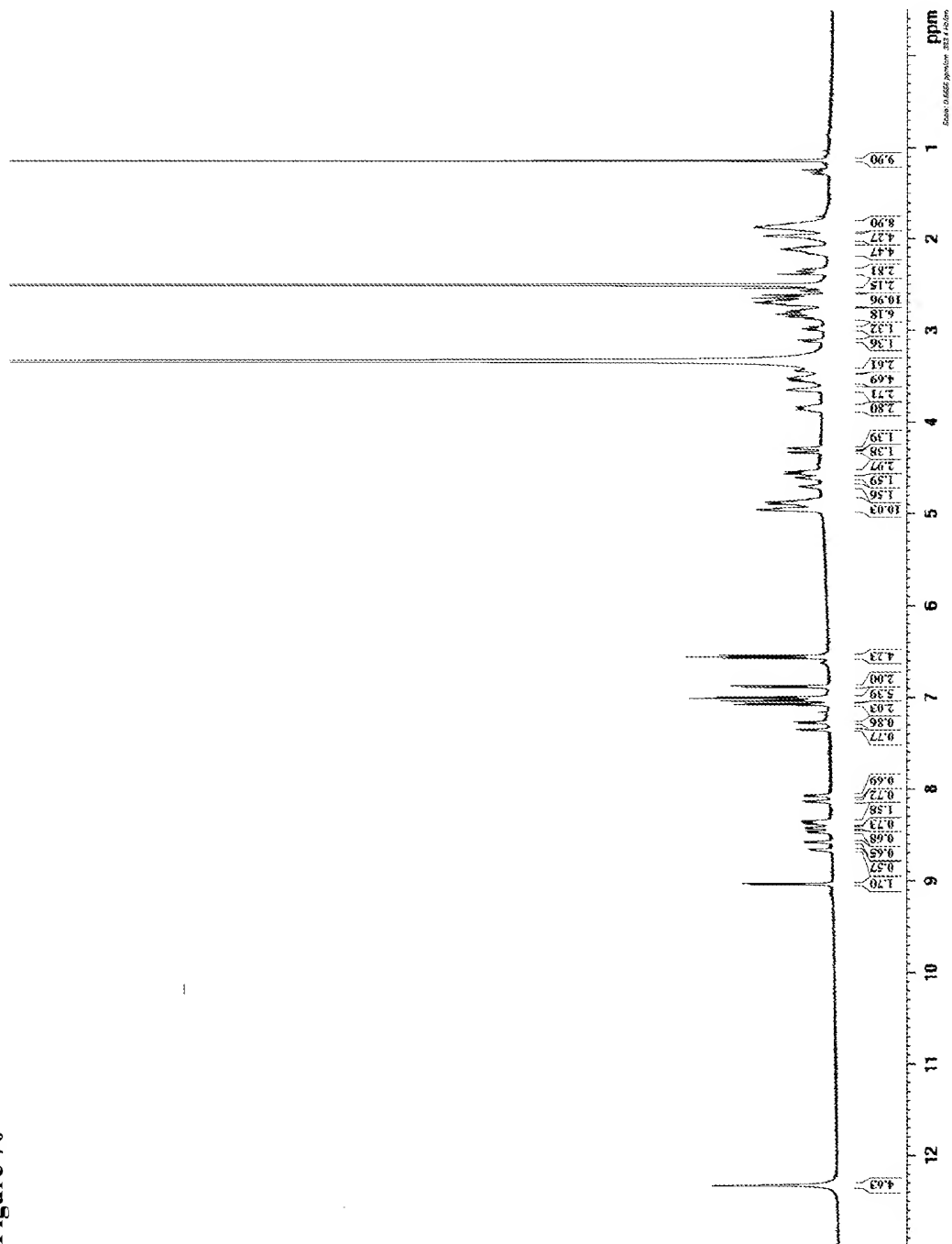
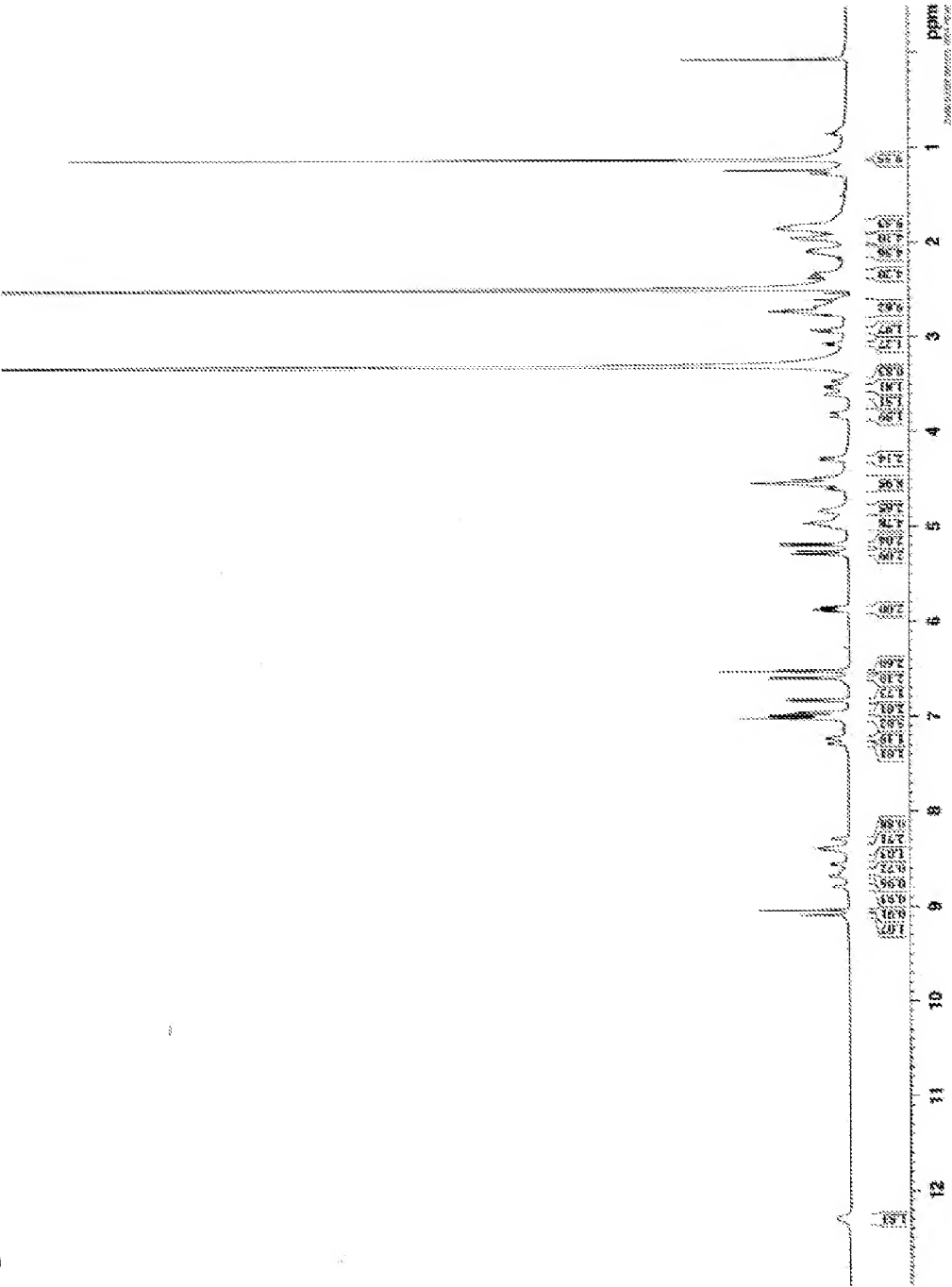


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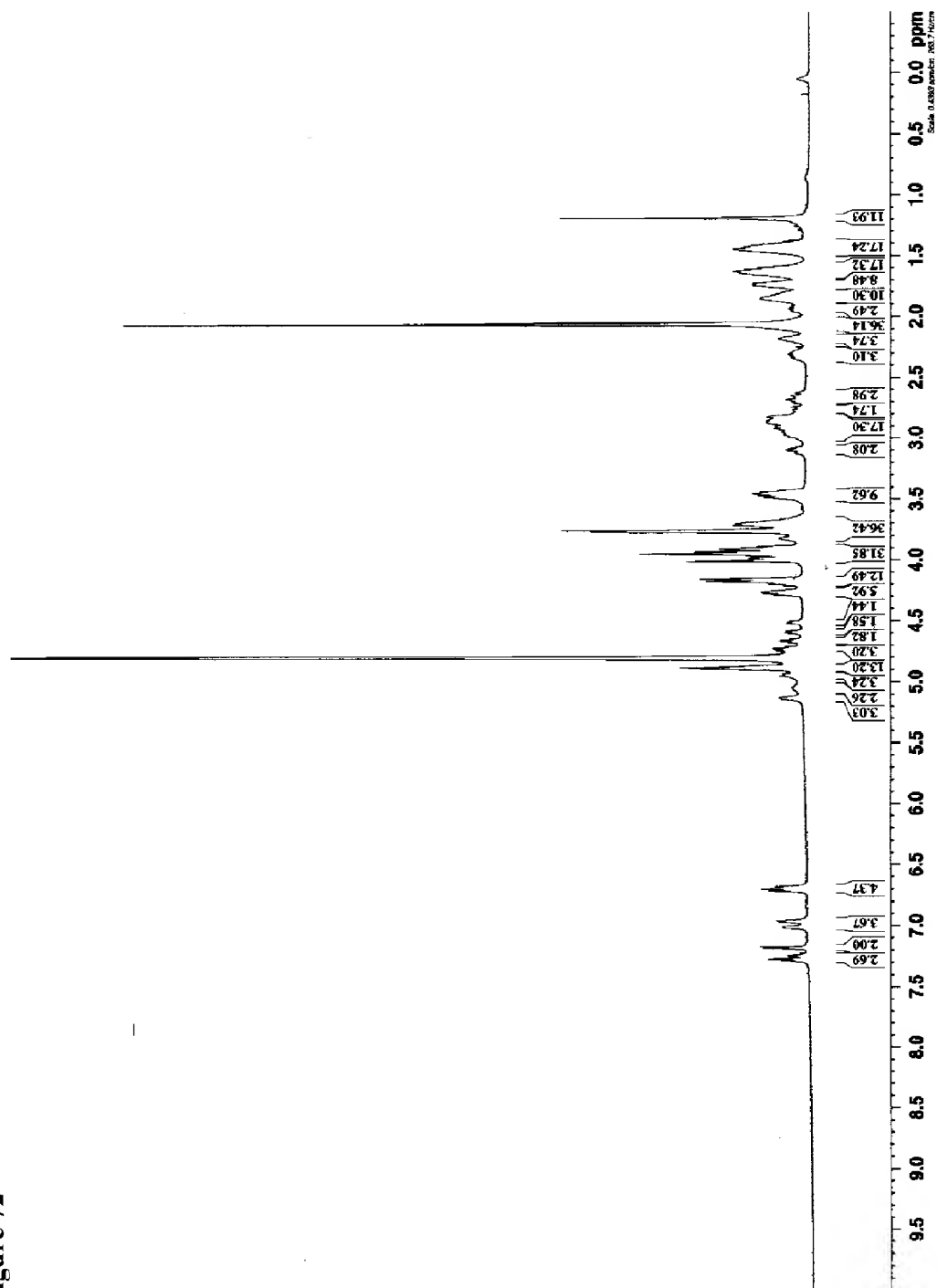
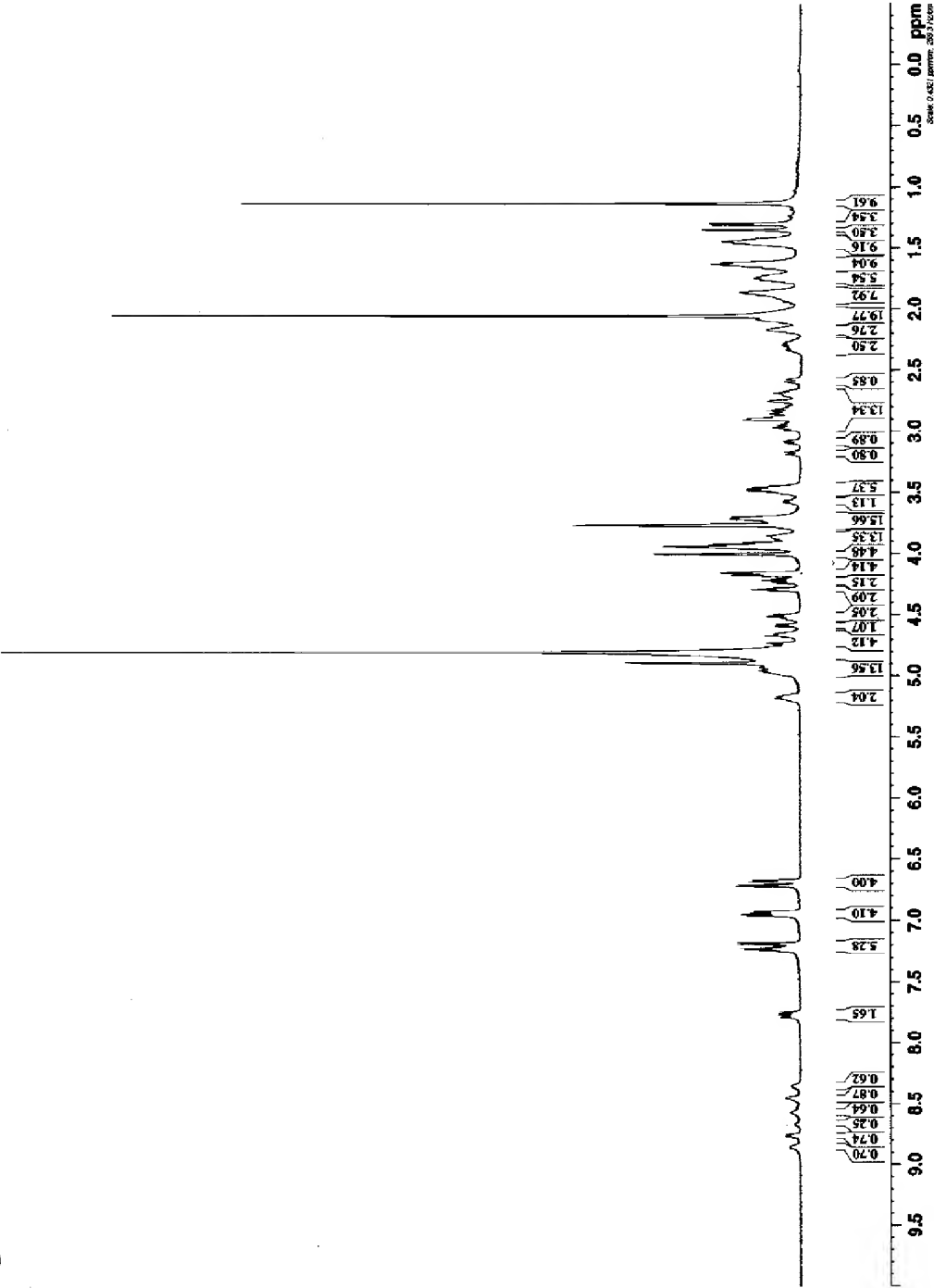


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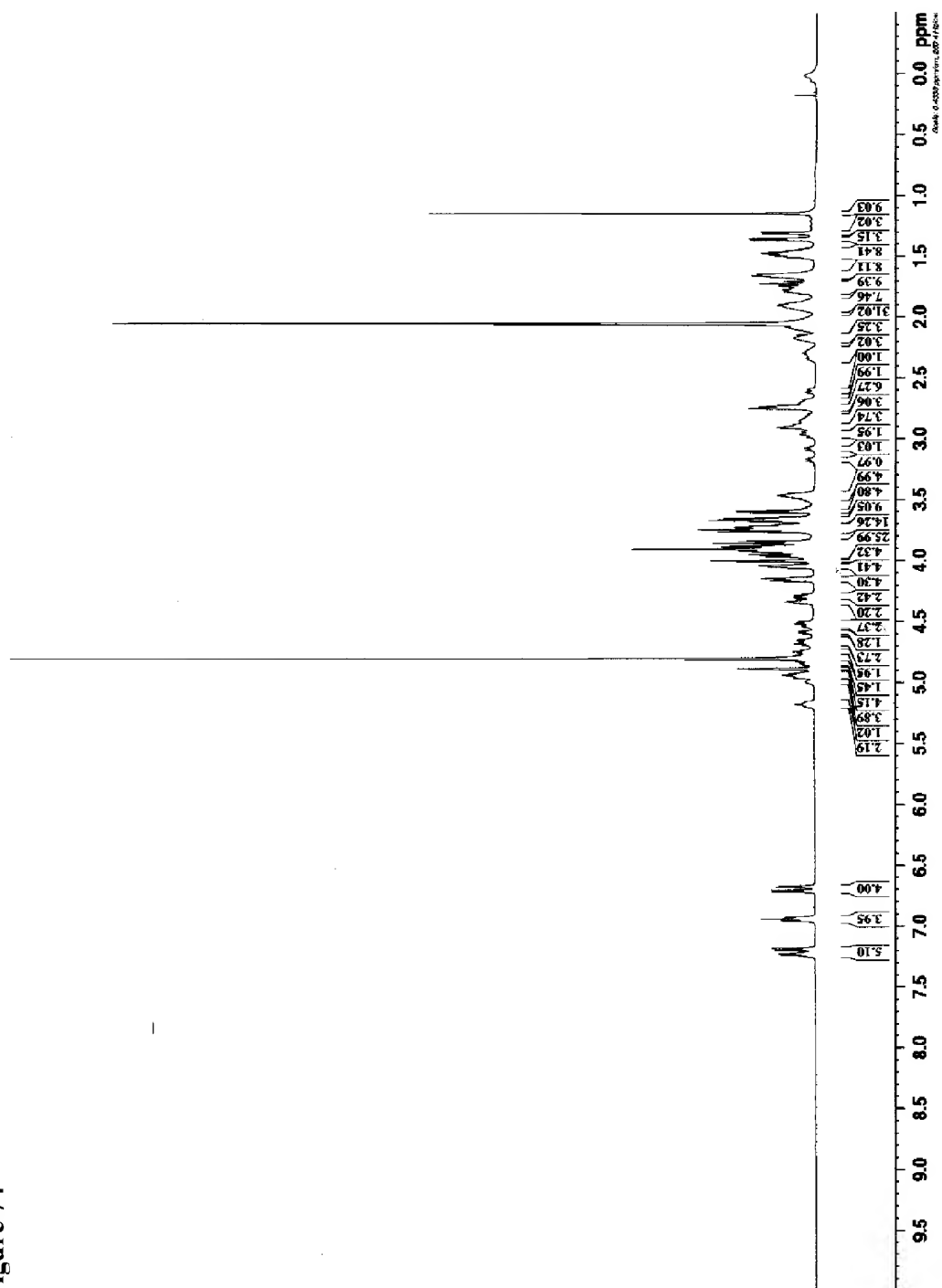


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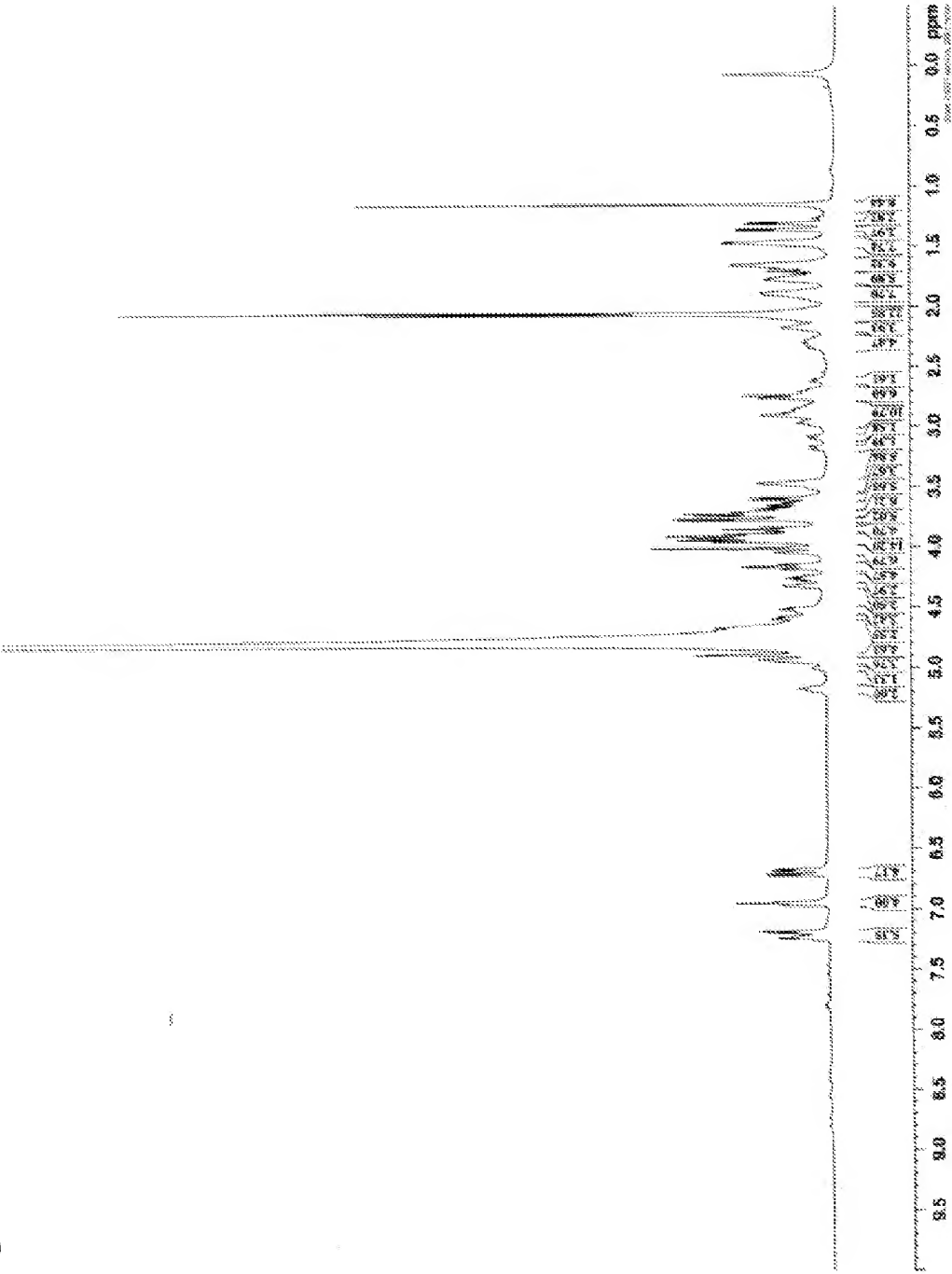


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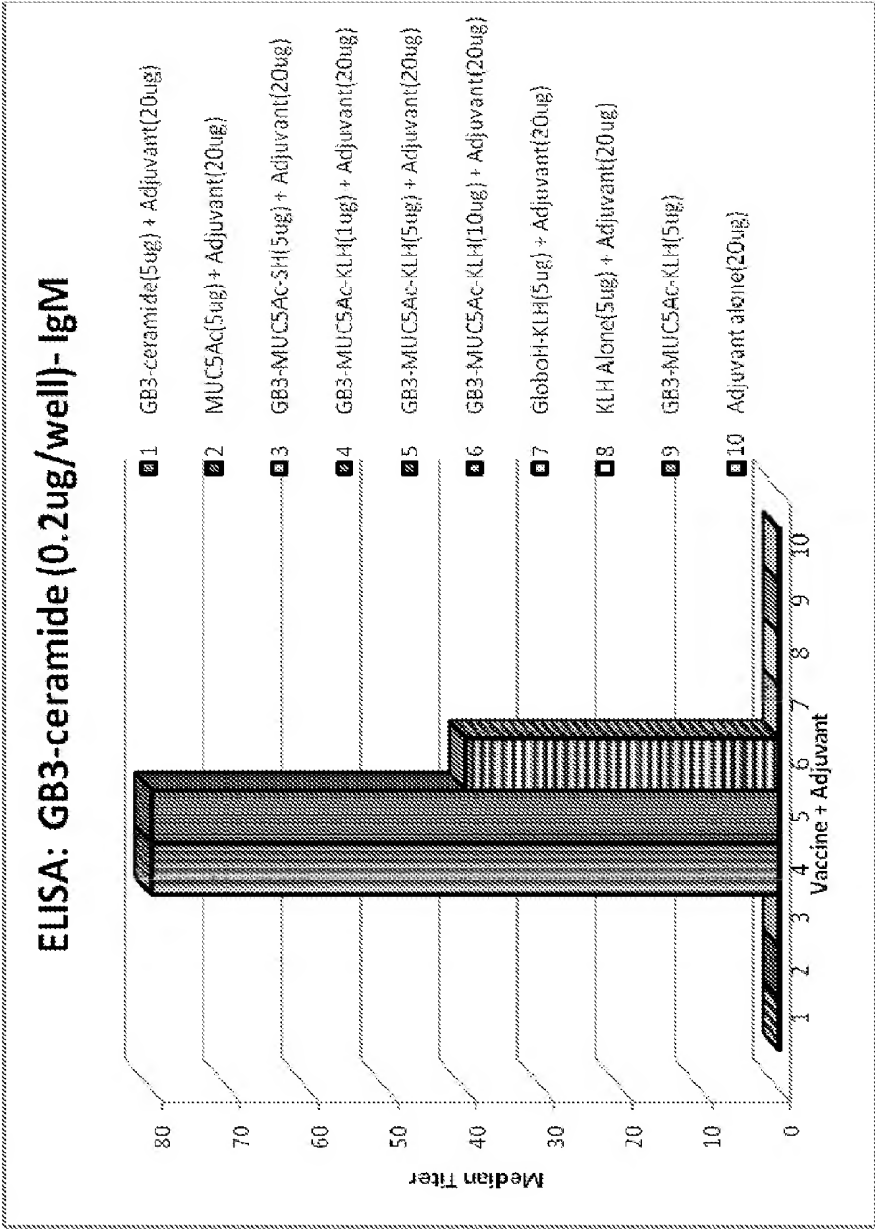


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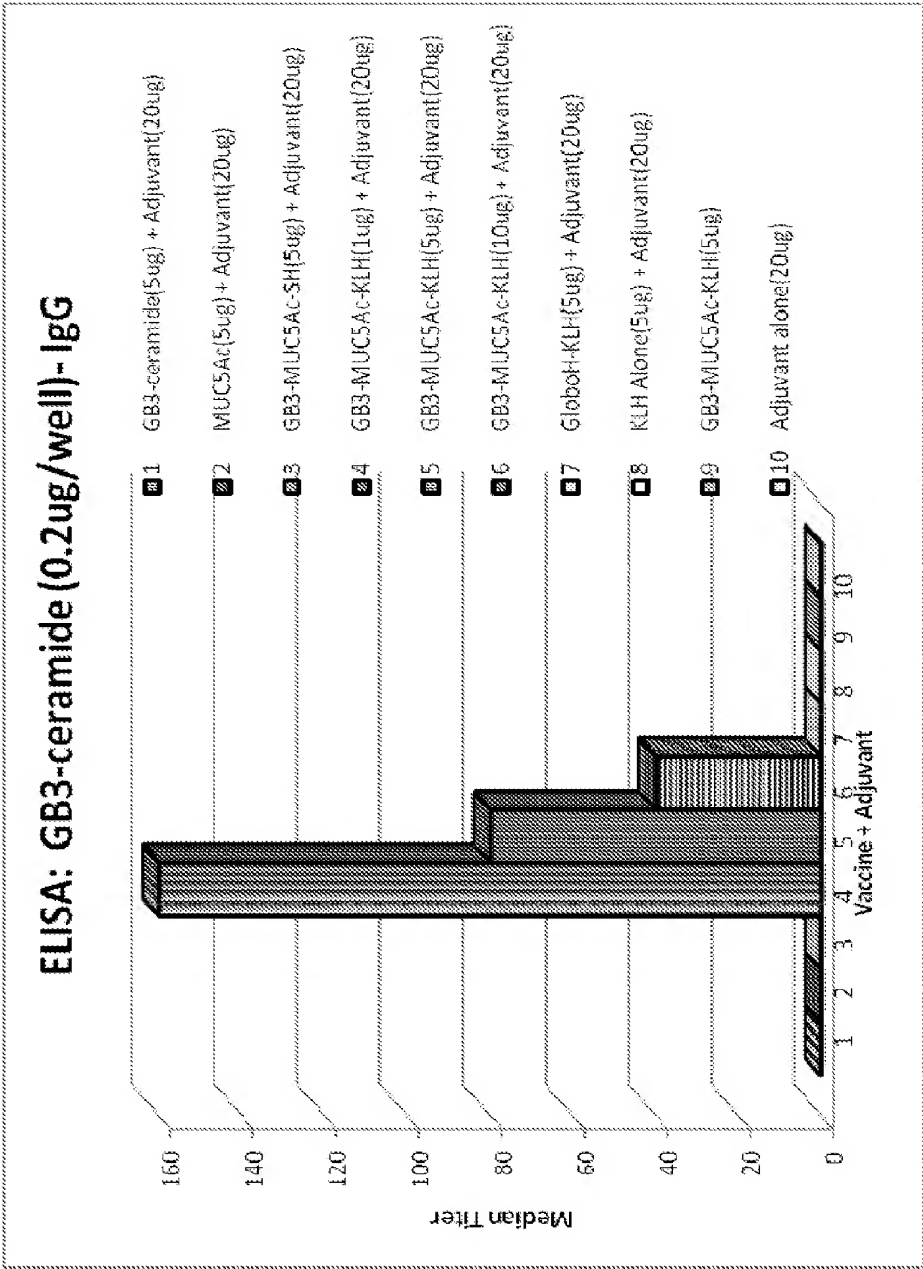


Figure 78

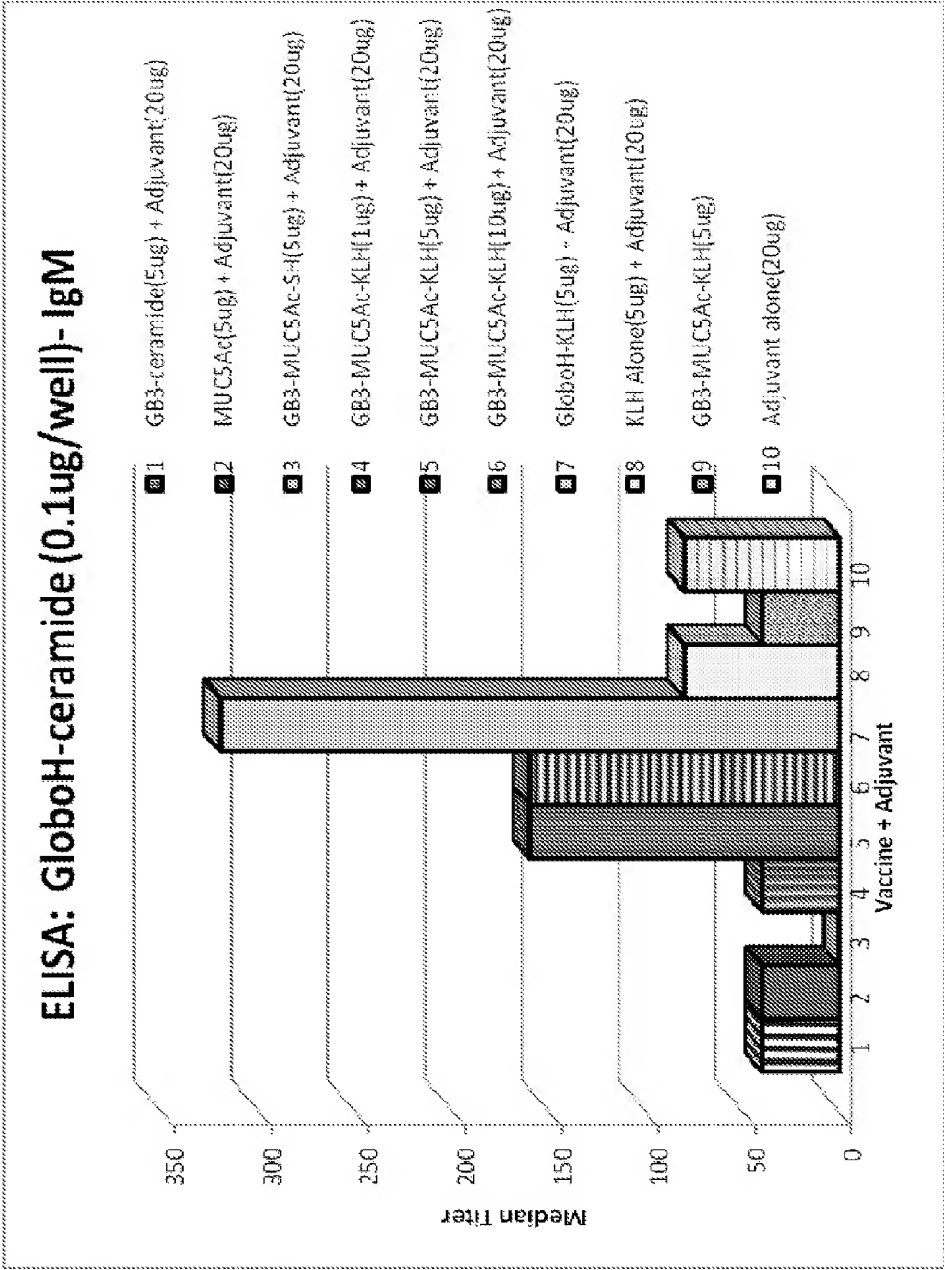


Figure 79

